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NSW State League action as David Ensor of Sutherland (No 5) comes off second best in this encounter with North Shore United's Lee Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday.
Inset: Sutherland's Scott Leney. — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.



Victorian State League action — Heidelberg star Stuart Stevenson does not allow himself to be dragged back by his Bulleen opponent — Pic: JOE MONTEMURRO.

STATE LEAGUES TIGHT

BY KEITH GILMOUR

STATE League clubs across the country are hot on the scent of National Soccer League positions for 1990/91.

Their appetites are being whetted now, as the expected acceptance of the Bradley Report commendations will lead to a rationalisation of major clubs across Australian cities for the following season.

As it stands, one promoted club comes from the NSW State League, which covers NSW, Northern NSW and ACT, and the other from a play-off between the winners of Victoria, South Australia and Queensland.

Canberra Croatia

(14 points), Sutherland Shire and Wollongong Macedonia (13 each) remain unbeaten in a log jam at the top of the NSW State League competition.

The Canberra outfit has a one-point margin over its nearest rivals, having inflicted an 8-1 defeat on an under-strength Marconi on Sunday.

St George has 12 points in a remarkable showing, with the 1989 Second Division champions Sydney Macedonia tied with them.

Big games next Sunday include Sydney Macedonia-Warringah at Jensen Oval and Wollongong Macedonia-Sutherland Shire at Brandon Park.

In Melbourne, the pressure is really on, with Sunday week's Heidelberg-Croydon City regarded as a real decider.

The Bergers' leading VSL scorer, Paul Lewis, appears certain to be suspended for the big match.

At present Croydon has 39 points to Heidelberg's 37, with the capable Brunswick

Juventus on 35, with all three giants having played 26 games.

In Brisbane, the Lions have been roaring in the XXXX League, and have amassed 36 points from 15 matches on a three points for a win scale.

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AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

Room there for improvement

International series needed to test Aussie game

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE pressure is on the Australian Soccer Federation to come up with a worthwhile series of home internationals.

When the National Soccer League switched to summer the story was that a suitable series of winter matches would be easier to arrange.

It did not materialise this year, and the only Socceroo games were against the club side, Hajduk Split.

If international football is to get back on the Australian agenda it must be against high class national sides.

The only exceptions would involve clubs of the standing of Liverpool, Arsenal, Glasgow Rangers and Glasgow Celtic.

There could be European or South American sides, provided they could be brought out for an acceptable figure.

June 2, 1991 is spoken for, with an Australia versus England game.

The new Promotions and Marketing manager will be in place.

The crowd at the last Australia-England game for the Australian Centenary Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground was in the



England's new coach Graham Taylor: we'll see him in Australia next year.

order of 30,000, which was poor for a game of this nature.

With proper promotion there has to be a 40,000 full house at the Sydney Football Stadium on this occasion, with the NSW Amateur Federation fully involved.

The only alternative venue is Olympic Park, but the venue must be the one that produces the biggest crowd and gate receipts.

England will play only one match in Australia, and it will be new manager Graham Taylor's first away tour with his squad.

There will be two matches in New Zealand to celebrate the NZFA's Centenary, and one, probably in Malaysia rather than Hong Kong on the way home.

The ASF has instructed its London agents that it requires national teams for Australian tours.

It is understandable that it has been hard to get answers recently, due to the overwhelming interest in Italia '90.

But answers must be got, and top class matches put in place for June/August 1991.

They must be booked so far ahead that the new Promotions and Marketing Manager has plenty of leeway to put promotional packages together.

It is no use going ga ga over the recent World Cup if big promotions cannot be assembled here in Australia.

Little use also if the staffing cannot put Australian soccer on the road to a similar level of promotion of basketball, cricket, Australian rules and basketball.

The foundation must be laid.

IN future, members of the Quit National Soccer League will be expected to institute a development program in their local schools — that is one of the key recommendations made by Dr Graham Bradley in his report to the Australian Soccer Federation.

If the ACT's entry is the current NSW State League high flyers Canberra Croatia, then that program takes on additional importance.

Croatia could well be classed as a mainly single ethnic supported club.

Bradley insists such organisations make concrete moves to

YOUNG ROOS TRIUMPHANT

THE Australian youth team has continued its successful Asian tour with a solid 2-0 win over the Indonesian under 23 Olympic side on Saturday night in Jakarta.

David Seal bagged the first Australian goal in the 65th minute and Chris Trajanovski scored the second just three minutes later as the Young Roos outran and outplayed the opposition.

Coach Les Scheinflug said he was pleased with the performance of the team as it prepares for the qualifying rounds of the World Youth Cup in Fiji in September.

The win followed a comfortable 5-1 victory against the Indonesian youth side 48 hours earlier.

Seal had chimed in with four goals and George Sorrias netted the other.

On Monday the Aussies faced their sternest test against top Indonesian club side Pelita Jaya before heading to Malaysia to continue their tour.



A well managed Canberra NSL team could bring large crowds back to Bruce Stadium.

broaden their spectator base.

This involves regular visits to schools for coaching sessions and skill demonstrations; match ticket giveaways along with free distribution of team and individual pictures plus sponsorship material; visits to shopping centres; association with appropriate community campaigns; holiday training camps.

"On average one visit should be made to every school every two years," Bradley says.

"Ideally, this should be one visit per year."

Players will have clauses in their contracts specifying the number of days they are required to work on development and promotion, with the ASF's marketing arm helping to find sponsorship for the deal.

The national body should, in any case, provide support on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

An increased public profile will bring additional responsibilities for the NSL stars expected to be the mainstays of the program. They should obtain a level 2 coaching badge, and present a first class general image.

And Canberra, as the centre of a large region, has an extra work load.

Bradley refuses to accept that the bush be abandoned.

In Southern NSW at least, it will be

ments.

It is little use having a smooth and efficient match-day operation if only the spectator base is not increasing.

That is preaching to the converted.

Radio 2CN soccer presenter Steve Dossett, who knows a bit about promoting the game, has shown me some excellent material produced by the then Canberra City at the beginning of the 1980s.

It is slick with an appealing message, but history shows it was obviously not enough.

One of the oldest cliches in Australian sport refers to soccer as the sleeping giant.

If it receives the chance, Canberra Croatia must undertake the responsibility to ensure the code is not also the national capital's best kept secret.

Villa, Man United go in

BY DAVID SMEDLEY

British Sports Minister Colin Moynihan blasted the fans as "...a criminally motivated minority of so-called England fans."

However, the very extensive, and successful, policing which kept a lid on repeated violence, and the strength of character of the English team and coach Bobby Robson, which won them the best and fairest award at Italia '90, obviously had an effect on UEFA's executive.

English clubs were banned from Europe after the 1985 European Cup final in Brussels, at which a riot involving Liverpool supporters killed 39 people, most of them fans of Italian club Juventus.

Manchester United, the FA Cup winners, and Aston Villa, league runners-up, will take part in the UEFA Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup respectively.

London's Daily Telegraph reports the English Football Association was prepared to pay the costs of policing the English clubs' fans when travelling to Europe next season.

All Cup draws on page 18.

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Controversy over Aussie Olympic Games matches

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE Australian Soccer Federation is putting its foot down over the timing of games in the rundown to the Olympic Games finals in Barcelona in July 1992.

Oceania countries involved wish to hold over their home and away elimination matches until 1992, but the ASF won't have a bar of it.

ASF general secretary Alan Vessey said: "We don't control the other countries' home games, but we want our own to go on as soon as possible. That means May 1991."

Four nations are involved — Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

The winner goes on to meet a European side for the right to play in Barcelona.

If Israel wins their group they will face the Oceania winner, otherwise Oceania will come up against, Europe's fifth best.

Clearly it won't be an easy run.

In other news the Australian Soccer Federation is beginning to set up their part of the structure in preparation for the 1993 World Youth Cup to be contested in Australia.

The coming meeting



Frank Farina scores the goal that gave Australia a 1-0 win over Yugoslavia at the 1988 Olympics. He is too old for the 1992 Olympic but is available for the Socceroos' 1994 World Cup campaign.

of State Federation secretaries will cover the ground at their next meeting and the Australian Sports Commission has already received a background briefing.

A management committee for the series will have to be put in place as quickly as possible and a

Championship Director appointed.

FIFA comes in to fill its own championship functions.

There is no reason why the juniors and amateurs cannot be brought in to help build the series.

There appeared to be insufficient liaison in the 1981 Youth

Championship with the juniors.

This time around it is the levy of \$1 per head on the juniors that is helping to put the entire national squad's position in place.

The packed crowd at the Australia-Israel World Cup tie at the Sydney Football Sta-

dium attests to the value of returning to the policy of bringing all the juniors and amateurs into the act.

In fact, it is high time that what happened in Sydney should occur in all the other World Youth Cup centres.

And it should be planned right from the outset.

Arena football

Big launch at State Sports Centre

IT is only one week until the Indoor Futsal code hits the high spots with an exciting major launch at the State Sports Centre at Homebush.

The game has been repackaged to meet television requirements and the basis will be attack, attack and more attack.

All the best players of the state will turn out for an East Side versus West Side match, which kicks off on Wednesday July 25 at

Tobin leads SA

SOCEROO quiet man Alex Tobin is delighted to be named 'boss' of the SA State team for the trip to Vanuatu.

Tobin has been picked as captain for the 10th Anniversary tournament from July 23-21 where SA meets New Caledonia in the Municipal Stadium on July 26 and next day faces a Vanuatu side.

Tahiti, the Solomon Islands and another Vanuatu side complete the other tournament group.

SA team will contest play-offs

CROATIA definitely will contest the NSL playoffs if it wins the Foundation SA League First Division.

That was confirmed by club president Tony Kilic.

"Heck, yes, we would go ahead," said Kilic. "There would be no doubt about that."

"If we found we were good enough to win the State League and then the play-offs we would go ahead with the squad we have."

Australian Soccer Weekly has quickly responded to Futsal's latest challenge — Arena football.

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— KEITH GILMOUR

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Farina awaits Italian call

BY TED SIMMONS of AAP

SOCEROO Frank Farina has returned to Belgium with his sights still firmly set on signing for an Italian club.

Farina has one season to play under his contract with FC Brugge and will be more than happy if he can equal or better last season's record of 24 goals as top scorer in the Belgian league.

"A place in Italy is still open and there's a big chance I can go there," he said.

"But it won't be all over if I don't make it this year. I could sign next year because there are so many possibilities open to me."

Farina said he would only get a small fee percentage if he was transferred by Brugge and most of his income would be from match payments and club associated activities.

But if the Italian interest faded, Farina would turn his attention to France, Spain or Italy.

"I will be 26 next year and I'm now well and strong in the middle of my career," he said.

"The move to Belgium has been a financial success. If I stopped playing football tomorrow I wouldn't be a millionaire but I would have an excellent base to work from."

"In fact, if someone said I couldn't play football again, it would be alright because I'd still have enough money to live a good life."

Farina's next target is to be a member of a winning team in European competition.

He played in two rounds of the UEFA Cup last season and scored in each game.

FC Brugge has drawn lowly rated Lillestrom,

of Norway, in the first round of this season's European Champions' Cup.

Hopefully, Farina will notch a few goals against the Scandinavians.

Whatever direction his career takes, Farina is adamant he will be available for the Socceroos if wanted by coach Eddie Thomson.

"I'll sit back and wait to see if I get a call. I've worked under Eddie long enough and he knows me well as a player."

"I'll be available if he needs me but not for unimportant or friendly matches. Eddie knows the game well and I'm sure he would not jeopardise a player's career."

"My age cancels me out of the Olympic Games under 23 side but I'd love to be a member of the Socceroos in the next World Cup campaign."

LETTER

SBS's excellent telecasts of the World Cup and the Australian media's unprecedented blanket coverage have given a big boost to Australian soccer which should not go to waste.

In 1974 nothing was done to capitalise on Australia's first appearance in the World Cup finals.

Then too the media coverage was magnificent, but soccer failed to cash in and 12 months later Australian soccer in particular, and soccer in general, went largely unreported.

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Greg Brown scores decider

chances galore before the issue was settled in the 67th minute.

Craig Thompson was forced to clear a Graeme Fletcher shot off the line in the 35th minute when Lupco Dimov broke and set up the former Sydney City and St George star.

Mark Pratt did well to deny Dimov in the 43rd when the libero moved into the box and set himself up for a shot and Bruce Thurlow was kept busy, with shots by Thorntwaite and Brown to be dealt with during a busy first half.

In the 52nd minute Brown got Fletcher away again and the lat-

AN exciting match at Brandon Park drew a healthy 814 spectators, encouraged by the entertaining style demonstrated so far this season by both Wollongong Macedonia and Polonia, the former winning 1-0.

Fans were not disappointed and there were



What's a bit of shirt-tugging between friends? An incident from the Sutherland v North Shore match as photographed by STEVE GOSCH of AVENEWS.

ter's shot skimmed the right hand upright.

Brown was able to get an overdue goal in the 67th. Dimov supplied Paul Kay with the initial pass, John Bradley got away down the left flank and it was his cross that Brown steered inside the right hand post.

A few minutes later, however, the El-Ali-Freestone combination struck again, with El-Ali setting Freestone up for his second goal.

ST GEORGE: Prentice, Augerinos, Milicevic, Haragil, Peric, McGregor, Adisio, Freestone, Ciamter, El-Ali, Watson.

BLACKTOWN: Mautone, Bennett, Langen, Comerford, Gibson, Gunning, Ferguson, McKinna, Mason, Lees, Longo.

Two scoring opportunities came Polonia's way in the second half, the first when Jarek Nowicki and Mark Pratt worked the ball upfield together and Dimov rescued Macedonia with a timely tackle in the danger zone.

Marshall Soper put in a big effort and was almost rewarded in the 70th, but substitute Matthew Bourke arrived in time to prevent the shot from 10 metres.

Jerzy Drys surprised Peter Wilson with a 30-

metre shot in the 80th which took a deflection from the head of Gavin Thompson and Wilson managed to push the ball round the post.

Drys also hit the bar with three minutes remaining and at the other end Bradley missed a chance to make it 2-0, missing the left post by centimetres.

Altogether, the sort of game the public wants to see and given similar conditions again perhaps the Macedonians will now enjoy the kind of attendances their brand of soccer deserves.

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El-Ali shines again

BY DAVID SNEDLEY

A classy display from Osvaldo El-Ali inspired home side St George to a convincing 3-0 win over Blacktown City.

The instigator of all three goals was El-Ali, who was far too clever for the Blacktown defenders.

The opening half hour was even until the Saints struck in the 37th minute.

El-Ali dribbled past the Blacktown defence to give Shaun Freestone a great pass and the youngster did not miss the opportunity to score Saints' first goal.

The score remained 1-0 until half-time but in the 58th minute El-Ali broke through City's defence and after a defender handled the ball, the Argentine

NSW Composite Tables

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra	8	6	2	0	27	8	14
Sutherland Shire	8	5	3	0	19	6	13
Wollongong Mac.	8	5	3	0	20	11	13
St George	8	5	2	1	21	10	12
Sydney Macedonia	8	5	2	1	13	7	12
Sydney Croatia	8	4	2	2	16	10	10
Rockdale Ilinden	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Avala	8	4	2	2	19	15	10
Warringah	8	4	1	3	10	10	9
BHP Austral	8	3	2	3	8	6	8
Polonia	8	2	3	3	7	8	7
Canterbury	8	3	1	4	11	17	7
Blacktown City	8	2	0	6	12	17	4
Wollongong City	8	2	0	6	11	19	4
Inter Monaro	8	1	1	6	6	18	3
North Shore Utd	8	1	1	6	5	20	3
Sydney Olympic	7	1	0	6	9	19	2
Marconi	7	0	1	6	2	20	1

UNDER 19

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Canberra	8	5	2	1	20	8	12
Avala	8	5	2	1	17	10	12
Wollongong City	8	6	0	2	10	6	12
Wollongong Mac.	8	5	2	1	14	11	12
Warringah	8	5	1	2	15	12	11
Sydney Macedonia	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Blacktown City	7	5	0	2	10	7	10
Inter Monaro	8	3	3	2	13	10	9
Polonia	8	3	2	3	11	9	8
Sydney Croatian	7	3	1	3	12	9	7
Sutherland Shire	8	2	3	3	12	9	7
North Shore Utd	7	3	1	3	9	9	7
BHP Austral	7	1	4	2	12	12	6
St George	7	0	5	2	6	12	5
Canterbury	8	1	1	6	6	17	3
Rockdale Ilinden	6	1	0	5	7	13	2
Sydney Olympic	7	1	0	6	9	18	2
Marconi	8	0	1	7	9	25	1

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Lemezina buries inept Marconi

BY GRAHAM COOKE

placed to head home.

Two minutes later Zoran Pratezina laid on a defence-splitting pass to Lemezina and the striker was on his way with the simplest of side-foots.

Ned Zelic was at his majestic best for Croatia's third — a surging run from his own half left four opponents tackling air before he blasted a shot past goalkeeper John Bowles and then Lemezina's searching head fell for Reis to tap home.

A break of 15 minutes in the scoring virtually qualified as a Marconi revival. Croatia fans thought it had been brought to an end when Reis was upended by Bowles. The striker was not in his best touch, however, and his attempt to place the spot kick ended with the goalkeeper saving.

With half-time less than two minutes away Ray Junna broke down the right and supplied Lemezina with the kind of service he rarely passes up — and he sent the ball rocketing into the roof of the net.

There was no let-up

after the interval: Lemezina completed his hat-trick with the kind of help-yourself goal which would have qualified the Marconi back line for work in a cafeteria.

Anthony Surjan netted a consolation from the penalty spot after Peter Mazis had fouled Anthony Budini, but the red tide surged forward again — Lemezina's fourth coming as the inevitable result of a period of massive Croatia pressure.

At 7-1 the game hardly needed any icing, but it got it when Reis rebounded off Andrew Charlwood and was awarded a penalty.

Charlwood felt aggrieved at the decision and gained a yellow card for his protests, but it made no difference to Lemezina who sent the crowd away happy by scoring his fifth and Croatia's eighth, from the spot.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Zelic (Marcine 73), Junna, Gagetti, Dunn, Young (Mazis 51), Kulcsar, Pratezina, Reis, Lemezina, Dukic.

MARCONI: Bowles, Cartuccio, Cortes, Charlwood, Mammoni, Surjan, Vangelas (Mendez 80), Del'Est (Suzor 80), Lalic, Licata.

REFEREE: Bob Marshall.

CROWD: 1170.

CANBERRA
Croatia buried Marconi's youngsters under an avalanche of goals with an 8-1 rout at Deakin Oval on Sunday.

It was the biggest score for the team since Canberra City was formed 13 years ago — and Tony Lemezina's five was the best bag an individual Canberra player has obtained from a single game.

"It was my lucky day — the chances came and I put them away," he said afterwards. "If I could score like that every week I'd be happy."

"That makes nine for the season — my target's 15 so I am well on the way."

Croatia began as if it planned to wipe the opposition from the map with four goals inside the first 20 minutes.

George Kulcsar and Alan Reis had already worried the visiting defence before one of Stan Dukic's speciality long throws found Jason Dunn up from defence and perfectly

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UNDEFEATED

Sutherland continued their successful run with another sound performance against North Shore United at Seymour Shaw Park on Saturday to wind up 2-0 winners.

The win keeps them only a point behind Canberra Croatia at the top of the ladder.

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Sterrey's Warringah downs frustrated BHP

SPECTATORS at Newcastle's Austral Park were frustrated by their side's apparent domination of this game without producing any goals to win the points.

The 1-0 win to the visitors was a further sign of their improvement, after a similar win at Rockdale and a draw at home the previous week against Canberra.

They scored the decisive goal moments before the break, thanks to the dogged work of coach Glenn Sterrey and although rarely threatening at any other stage of the game were value for their victory.

Robert de Ceglie crossed the ball from the right and a little uncertainty by the keeper allowed Sterrey to pounce and put his side into the box seat.

The game was full of good midfield play, but generally bereft of goalmouth action.

There was only one corner throughout the first half and the pattern continued after the break.

BHP Austral had David Jones and Gary Phillips playing well, but could not get the others into scoring



Former Marconi and Blacktown City defender Glenn Sterrey is now captain-coach of Warringah Freshwater. Here he is seen making a clearance in the 1-0 win over Rockdale Linden — PHOTO BY COURTESY MANLY DAILY.

positions.

Each of these two players had shots go wide as they tried to show what was needed.

Anthony Versi, de Ceglie and Sterrey all had strong games for Warringah, who are beginning to make an impact after an ordinary start.

For Newcastle, any hopes they might have held about winning the competition must surely

now have vanished.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Jones, Maier (Devon 74), McWhirter, Tredinnick, Kratovaski (Elphick 62), Naumov, Bailey, Ironside, Phillips, Miletic.

WARRINGAH-FRESHWATER: Mikulec, Etherington, Sterrey, Knight, Dean, Massi, Lee, Moran (Oscilowski 87), de Ceglie, Giannone, Versi (Gigliotti 77).

REFEREE: Otto Scevak.

RESULTS

CONFERENCE A: Rockdale-Linden bye. Canberra Croatia 8 (Lemezina 5, Dunn, Reis, Zelic), Marconi 1 (Surjan), BHP Austral 0 Warringah-Freshwater 1 (G. Sterrey), Sydney Macedonia 3 (Arcosa

pen. Kotsias, Kadric) Avala 0, Sydney Olympic 2 (Bennett, Koch) Wollongong City 5 (Brodnik, Kristina, Ratcliffe, Danzo, Oldridge).

CONFERENCE B: St George 3 (Freestone 2, El All) Blacktown City 0, Sydney Croatia 0 Inter-Monaro 0, North Shore United 0 Sutherland Shire 2 (Sharp, Bard), Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Brown) Polonia 0, Canterbury Marrickville bye.

LEADING SCORERS: 9 Grant Bard (Sutherland), Tony Lemezina (Canberra), 8 Alan Reis (Canberra), 7 Scott Gilbert (Sydney Mac), 6 Miladin Kuc (Avala), Oswaldo El All (St George), 5 Stuart Porter (Rockdale), Graeme Fletcher (Wollongong Mac), Jason Oldridge (Wollongong City).

Olympic routed

BY DAVID SMEDLEY



AN early goal by player-coach David Ratcliffe gave Wollongong City a lead they did not relinquish and by fulltime they had chalked up an impressive 5-2 victory over Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium.

The goal from Ratcliffe came in the second minute as a result of some nice midfield work.

The Wolves kept the pressure on Olympic's defence throughout the first half, with good clearances from Jason Higgs and strong running up front from Stephen Krishna.

Olympic's John Koch and Pablo Caroeza played well but could not finish off the chances created.

At 4-1, Wollongong continued to keep the pressure on Olympic, forcing two yellow cards, one of which resulted in the southeners' fifth goal.

When Jason Bennett found the net.

However, any chance of a comeback vanished soon after when a great cross from Jeff Alport flew high into the net, out of the keeper's reach after an outstanding header from Krishna.

At 4-1, Wollongong continued to keep the pressure on Olympic, forcing two yellow cards, one of which resulted in the southeners' fifth goal.

The foul occurred in the 75th minute after Pat Brodnik touched in a neatly executed freekick past a crowded Olympic defence.

The dying moments of the game saw Olympic grab a last-minute second goal through Koch.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meir, Triantafyllou, Georgakis, Barrett, Platiniotis, Sharples, Aroujo, Koch, Refenes, Bennett, Caroeza.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoussos, Higgs, McEvoy, Ratcliffe, Alport, Krishna, Brodnik, Hrastovski, Danzo, Oldridge.

The second half started with some effective play from Olympic, who were rewarded

Avala brushed aside in derby battle

THE 1989 Second Division premiers completed the first half of their 1990 First Division fixtures with a resounding 3-0 win over Avala at their happy hunting ground, Jensen Park.

With 12 points in the bag already they would be more than satisfied with their progress to date.

Leo Arcosa became the man entrusted with the penalty taking responsibilities in the 24th minute after Theo Kotsias was brought down in the box.

Scott Baillie had caught Giezekamp out with a diagonal ball and Kotsias advanced on goal after stealing possession.

The keeper brought him down and Arcosa did the rest to make it 1-0 to the Yagoona based side.

Miladin Kuc was under a tight hold by George Souris throughout and little was seen of the Avala attack.

In the 37th minute Macedonia extended their lead with Kotsias this time picking up a George Fernandez pass and beating Rodic with ease.

Fabian Kadric celebrated his recall to the starting line-up by ex-

ecuting an excellent goal in the 75th minute.

Jane Cakovski had the answer to the Avala offside game by getting Kadric away just inside his own half and dummying two players before chipping the ball over the advancing keeper.

George Souris rescued the home side by clearing off the line when John McKie won a ball in the air from Avellino, but that was late in the game when the points were already sewn up.

Other chances went begging for Macedonia who had Lee Sterrey standing in for the suspended Bill Pilovski and doing a fine job at sweeper.

Mark Reveley almost made a name for himself with a run from half way which he could not finish off, but the emphatic win keeps Macedonia in the hunt and dents Avala's hopes as the first eight matches have now been played.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Cakovski, Baillie, L. Sterrey, Reveley, Arcosa, Fernandez, Kotsias (Card), Gilbert, Kadric (Genovesi).

AVALA: Rodic, Meesha, Giezekamp, Gonzales, Ashton, Fitzharris, McKie, Scott, Berilek, Kuc, Welch.

REFEREE: Chris Smyth.

Sydney Croatia, Monaro in a 0-0

BY MICHAEL KOMADINA

A team of youngsters playing together for the first time held the more experienced Inter Monaro side, led by Bas Giampaolo, to a 0-0 draw at Croatian Sports Centre.

Sydney Croatia played without a number of their young stars who are with the Young Socceroos in Asia.

Their deadly striker David Seal was badly missed up front.

It took Croatia only seven minutes for Joe Pillemer from 25 metres out to lob Inter Monaro goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski, hitting the inside of the post only to see the ball bounce back



Sutherland v North Shore action from Seymour Shaw Oval — Photo STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

 FIRST DIVISION COMPILED BY PAUL GOODWIN

unfortunately breaking his upper arm.

In the 50th minute a first-time shot from Monaro's Giampaolo taken from 25 metres brought out the best of opposing keeper Kalac, who finger-tipped the ball over the bar for a corner.

But sound cover defence by A. Zizic cleared the ball out for a corner.

Zizic then fell over

Carbone, coming down

heavily on his side and

In the 78th minute a free kick from 30 metres by Le Fevre just skirted the post.

In a very ordinary game, in which the contestants shared the halves, a 0-0 draw was a fitting result.

Best for Croatia were Baricic, Pervan and Zizic and for Monaro Giampaolo, Carbone and Popovich.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kaine, Jones (Milicevic 72m) Zizic, George, Baricic, Pervan, Pillemer, Alltovic (Bazdaric 78m) Gomez, Le Fevre, Devecchi.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, Monterosso (M. Arthur 7m) Monterosso, Bryant, Alchin, Daniels, Carbone, Ambrosino, Popovich, Giampaolo, Marinko (A. Popovich 25m).

REFEREE: A. Spivack.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION LTD

SATURDAY JULY 21

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Waverley v Gladesville H'by Waverley Oval

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

Bathurst 75 v North Ryde RSL TBA

SUNDAY JULY 22

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Marconi v BHP Austral
Rockdale Linden v Sydney Olympic
Sydney Macedonia v Warringah
Avala v Wollongong City
Canberra Croatia — bye

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Canterbury v St George
North Shore Utd v Inter Monaro
Wollongong Mac v Sutherland Shire
Polonia v Blacktown City
Sydney Croatia — bye

DIVISION 2

Campbelltown Vik v Orange Waratahs
Central Coast v Mt Druitt Town
Dulwich Hill v Manly Warringah
Fairfield City v Granville Chile
Auburn Yugal v Petersham
Southern Dist v Rosebery

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

Mt Pritchard v Lemnos Allstars
Concordia v Port Hacking
Hills United v Canterbury & Dist
Cyprus United v Bankstown
West Wanderers v Uni of NSW

Marconi Stadium
Hurstville Oval
Jensen Oval
Melita Stadium

Arlington Oval
Cromer Park
Brandon Park
Choplin Park

Bensley Road
Plum Park
Arlington Oval
Knight Park
Mona Park
Emile Smith Res

Mt Pritchard
Marrickville Oval
Fred Caterson
St George Stadium
Harold Read Res

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!



Mt Druitt Town hits big time

BY PAUL GOODWIN

MOUNT Druitt Town hit the big time when they demolished the capable Campbelltown Vikings 5-1 at Popondetta Park to extend to nine their run of unbeaten matches.

It could have been six as Greg Woodhouse saved a Wayne Farnsworth penalty and Campbelltown had to get their only goal via the penalty spot, and Ray Carney, as late as the 85th minute.

Mount Druitt went to the front in the 16th through John White and was two up at the break when Craig Smith drove the ball home from a Farnsworth free kick.

Craig Lowe made it three in the 55th and a fourth came in the 70th from player-coach Farnsworth himself.

Following the Carney effort Farnsworth scored the best goal of the game in the 86th with a dazzling solo effort to give the side its best ever Second Division result.

Fairfield City showed Rosebery a clean pair of heels at Knight Park, despite the visitors scoring the first two goals.

The 3-1 win to the outer western Sydney side continued a great string of results for the newly established club on the first day of a double-header weekend.

Rosebery opened with a goal from Pantazis, but were unfortunate to also provide the goal which brought the sides level.

A 70th minute back pass header by Sampsonis was too high for George Psaroudis to collect and the Rosebery keeper could only watch in anguish as the ball rolled into the net.

Fairfield persisted with their counter-attacking game and although Paul Harriott hit the bar for the Eastern Suburbs side and Ken Wilson had a shot well saved by David Hayes, it was Fairfield which wrapped things up with goals from Remy Galloway and Craig Jones.

The long-awaited clash between competition leaders Southern Districts and nearest rivals Dulwich Hill took place at Ernie Smith Reserve on Wednesday night.

A respectable 460 people turned up on a damp evening and were rewarded with a closely contested game between two teams prepared to play football, despite the crucial nature of the meeting.

Southern Districts enjoyed the better share of play in the first half and Kevin Farrar saved well from both Leo Ulloa and Birol Serbas in the first twenty minutes.

Dulwich Hill Madeira looked confident and had both Peter Dameski and George Johnson keen to bring the ball



NSW State League action between Sutherland and North Shore United under the watchful eye of the referee last Sunday — Photo by STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

out of defence.

Carlos Donoso pushed up in the 69th minute and was able to take advantage of a diagonal ball from deep in defence by Kevin Gaffney, going round the last man and scoring from about 10 metres with an angled shot to give his side a 1-0 win.

Farrar managed to keep further shots by Aytec Genc and Ulloa out and the points went the way of a Portuguese side for the second time at Ernie Smith this season.

Petersham had earlier won by the same margin and tackled the return game at Erskineville Oval with some confidence.

They elected to base their game on holding Districts out and it backfired when Hugo Gimenez made a great solo run in the 65th minute and scored the only goal of the game, making up for the mid-week setback.

The effort of mid-week told on Dulwich Hill, who struggled to match Granville-Chile at Garside Park and eventually were relieved to get a point from a goalless draw.

Andy Ferris and Madeira 'keeper Kevin Farrar twice had a clash of heads as they attempted to reach high balls pumped towards goal and Ferris spent over 15 minutes receiving treatment before half-time.

Carlos Donoso had another strong game and his shot, from a George Johnson ball forward, was booted off the line by Marconi Perera.

While Karavatakas and Borges also had good chances, Ruben Locaputo squandered two for Granville late in the game.

Fairfield and Gladesville played a 2-2 draw at Christie Park on Sunday.

Fairfield raced to a 2-0 lead thanks to Alberto Arbelo and Dominic Colaguri, but after Alex Nario had helped a Rick Giometti shot into his own net.

Justin Young brought off a late equaliser to send the 'Mitre 10

Bears' home happy with a well earned point.

Central Coast had a relatively easy 2-0 win at Cromer over Manly. Ian Vaughan in the 40th and Paul Corbett in the 70th were the scorers in a game which Manly rarely looked like saving.

Rosebery fell victim to the new leading scorer Barry Walker, whose equaliser in injury-time cancelled out the 7th minute goal by Ercan Osman at Marks Field in a 1-1 result.

Orange and Auburn-Yugal appeared headed for a draw at Waratah Park until Jason Sinclair hit the post for Orange in injury-time.

Auburn-Yugal quickly broke away to grab the winner when Robert Harmet steered the ball through a gluepot goalmouth, only seconds after a desperate scramble to clear the final assault, by the Orange defence.

RESULTS

Southern Districts 0 Dulwich Hill Madela 1 (Donoso), Fairfield City 3 (Sampsonis o.g., Galloway, Jones), Rosebery Portugal 1 (Pontaxis), Petersham Lusitanos 0 Southern Districts 1 (Gimenez), Rosebery Portugal 1 (Ercan Osman), Waverley 1 (Walker), Orange-Waratah 0 (Walker), Orange-Waratah 0 Auburn-Yugal 1 (Harmet), Manly Warringah 0 Central Coast 2 (Vaughan, Corbett), Granville-Chile 0 Dulwich Hill 0, Mount Druitt 5 (White, Lowe, Smith, Farnsworth) 2 Campbelltown 1 (Carney pen), Gladesville-Hornsby 2 (Young, Giometti), Fairfield City 2 (Arbelo, Colaguri).

LEADING SCORERS: 12 Barry Walker, 11 Dennis Duarte, Paul Harriott, Sep Disch, 10 Andy Ferris, 8 Graeme Williamson, Leo Ulloa, Ozcan Celik, Paul Petron, Remyle Galloway, 7 Gurkan Tasdemir, Steve Karavatakas, Ray Carney, 6 Mark Butler, Darren Stephenson, Paul Corbett 5, Gary Hastie, Jason Gribble, Birol Serbas, Jimmy Berry, Nello Borges, Wayne Farnsworth.

FIFA rules for QSL refs

BY LOU GAUTIER

FIFA's new rules for referees will apply in Australia also.

The controversial interpretations unveiled at the recently concluded World Cup finals will come into effect when the Quit National Soccer League kicks off in October.

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas said the move would be adopted when the NSL Council meets in Melbourne next month.

Papasavas did promise, however, that no pressure would be exerted on referees.

Unlike Italia '90, referees would not be dropped or undue pressure exerted if they did not apply the latter of the law.

FIFA's new edict in Italy put the referees under tremendous strain and one of the top referees, Luigi Agnolin, of Italy, was suspended when he was deemed too lenient in the Yugoslavia v Colombia group match.



SAM PAPASAVAS
— get tough policy for refs.

Australian referees will be asked to stop violent behaviour, hurry up play and punish players for playing.

Dives à la Jurgen Klinsmann and Rudi Voller will not be tolerated.

Papasavas believes the new interpretations will make the game a far better spectacle.

After all the rules FIFA put in place at the World Cup have always been there though they have not been always enforced in the past.

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Spanish Club	16	7	3	6	31	20	29
Nineveh Eagles	13	7	2	4	22	16	16
Colo Colo	15	7	1	7	27	15	15
Hajduk	13	7	1	5	28	15	15
Rooty Hill	13	6	1	6	28	22	13
Arncliffe	15	4	4	7	15	24	12
Croatia Syd	15	2	1	12	12	61	5
Belmore Her	15	1	1	13	18	51	7

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 1

West Dist	15	13	2	1	53	20	28
Macquarie Uni	15	10	2	3	36	22	18
Sporting Peru	14	9	0	5	32	26	18
Ashour Star	15	7	4	4	38	29	18
Prospect Utd	13	8	0	5	25	16	16
Alexander	14	6	3	5	33	26	15
Lithgow	15	6	2	6	28	27	14
CSI Schofields	14	6	0	8	29	33	12

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 2

Sydney Uni	14	11	3	0	58	3	25
West Dist	14	12	1	3	39	18	25
Alexander	14	8	4	2	42	21	20
Macquarie Uni	14	8	1	5	31	18	17
Prospect Utd	13	6	2	5	29	15	15
Sporting Peru	14	5	4	5	21	15	14
Lithgow	15	5	3	8	20	10	13
CSI Schofields	14	5	2	7	22	12	12

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 3

Sydney Uni	14	11	3	0	58	3	25
West Dist	14	12	1	3	39	18	25
Alexander	14	8	4	2	42	21	20
Macquarie Uni	14	8	1	5	31	18	17
Prospect Utd	13	6	2	5	29	15	15
Sporting Peru	14	5	4	5	21	15	14
Lithgow	15	5	3	8	20	10	13
CSI Schofields	14	5	2	7	22	12	12

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 1

Pagewood Bot	15	10	2	3	35	16	22
Penrith	14	9	3	2	25	25	21
Assyrian	15	7	4	4	21	16	18
St Josephs	15	6	4	3	30	16	16
New Welcome	14	6	4	2	20	15	16
Balmain	15	3	2	3	23	15	15
Liverpool City	15	5	3	2	23	14	15
Fogolar Furlan	14	5	4	5	23	18	14

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 2

Liverpool City	15	12	2	1	47	14	26

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MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 259
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VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	MORWELL	MOOROOLBARK	1
	CAULFIELD CITY	HEIDELBERG U.	2
PT. MELBOURNE	SANDRINGHAM	3	
	DOVETON	MORDIALLOC	4
ESSENDON	B.R. MEADOWS	5	
	KNOX CITY	SPRINGVALE C.	6
NUNAWADING	RINGWOOD U.	7	
WAVERLEY	RICHMOND	8	
BELL PARK	CHELSEA	9	
COBURG	KEILOR	10	
COFTON HILL	DANDENONG	11	
SUNSBURY UTD.	DONCASTER	12	
BRIGHTON	GEELONG	13	
ATHENA	NORTH PERTH	14	
STIRLING MAC.	SPEARWOOD	15	
KWINANA	KELMSCOTT	16	
BALGA	INGLEWOOD	17	
EAST PERTH	BASSENGEAN	18	
COCKBURN	WANNEROO	19	
FREMANTLE B.	SWAN CRAC.	20	
FORRESTFIELD	ROCKHAMPTON	21	
GOSNELLS	MORLEY	22	
STIRLING T.P.	MELVILLE	23	
HELLAS	WOODVILLE	24	
CROATIA	AZZURI	25	
CUMBERLAND	WT. BIRKALLA	26	
MODBURY	POLONIA	27	
PT. ADELAIDE	ADELAIDE C.	28	
LION GRANGE	SALISBURY	29	
CENTRAL DIST.	BLACKWOOD	30	
ENFIELD C.	CAMPBELLTOWN	31	
NOARLUNGA	SEAFORD	32	
OLYMPIANS	ELIZABETH	33	
PARA HILLS	OMONIA	34	
OLYMPIC	WEST SUBURBS	35	
DEVONPORT	JUVENTUS	36	
GEORGE TOWN	EAGLES	37	
ST. LEONARDS	ULVERSTONE	38	

RESERVE MATCHES

VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 3	CROATIA	LAUNCESTON	39
	YARRAVILLE	SPRINGVALE U.	40
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	MOORABBIN	SEAFORD UTD.	41
	ALTONA CITY	CLARINDA	42
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	LALOR UTD.	MORNINGTON	43
	BENTLEIGH	CORIO UTD.	44
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	CLAYTON	ELTHAM UTD.	45
	HOLLAND PK.	HEIDELBERG C.	46
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	ROSANNA	OAKLEIGH SUBS.	47
	FERNTREE	MORELAND PK.	48
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	REGENT	YALLOURN	49
	EAST BRUNS. U.	LANGWARRIN	50
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	KARINGAL	BORONIA	51
	HAWTHORN	HAMLYN R.	52
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	SPRING. COND.	PASCOE VALE	53
	QUEENS PK.	ASHFIELD	54
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	UNIVERSITY	ARMADALE PK.	55
	GERALDTON	SUBIACO	56
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	SWAN IC.	WEST YUGAL	57
	VASTO UTD.	CANNING	58
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	BOORAGOON	NORTH LAKE	59
	WHITFORD C.	PERTH CITY	60
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	UNIVERSITY	TAROONA	61
	RAPID	ST. HOBART	62
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	CALEDONIAN	BURNIE UTD.	63
	HOBART JUV.	LAUNCESTON J.	64

* Victorian State League
† Tasmanian Northern League Division 1
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§ Tasmanian State League

* Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

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NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										
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52	47	37	53	48	53	54	48	0	7	2	5	8	4	3	14	24	25	26	27	28
55	55	54	62	59	75	56	53	4	16	0	14	1	0	2	1	2	3	3	3	3
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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 259 SAT 14 JULY, 1990

Total Prize Pool is \$849,826.70
Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 16, 17, 27, 30, 33,
36.
Supplementary Number: 11

Division 1
The Prize Pool is \$758,730.50
1 Provision winner of
\$758,730.50.

Division 2
The Prize Pool is \$5,200.80
12 provisional winners of
\$433.40ea.

Division 3
The Prize Pool is \$15,604.30
134 winners of \$116.45ea.

Division 4
The Prize Pool is \$39,085.20
4,136 winners of \$9.45ea.

Division 5
The Prize Pool is \$31,205.90
5,158 winners of \$6.05ea.

VICTORIA

VIC STATE RESERVES	16	7	5	4	10	14	18
Athens Gate	25	8	3	6	18	25	17
Marwell	26	12	3	5	24	25	20
Brick Ave	26	17	5	6	22	28	19
H'troy Ltd	26	17	5	6	22	29	19
Fawkner	25	14	3	8	24	31	21
Wattle City	25	14	2	9	23	25	12
Thomastown	25	11	6	3	24	32	28
Balwyn	26	10	8	4	20	36	25
Castlereagh	26	13	6	13	43	41	26
Croydon City	25	11	3	11	48	48	25
Rivwood City	26	11	3	12	48	45	25
Green Gully	25	7	6	13	36	51	28
Birr Hill	25	6	5	15	28	45	17
Fitzroy Pines	25	3	4	16	38	72	12
W'burn City	24	4	4	16	28	88	12
Allison	25	2	5	19	21	74	9
Merri Creek	24	1	8	17	18	91	5
BLACKWOOD	27	2	2	2	28	11	24
ENFIELD C.	28	void					
ELIZABETH	29	0-2					
OMONIA	30	2-2					
PARA HILLS	31	5-0					
NOARLUNGA	31	5-0					
SEAFORD	32	0-2					
DARRA UTD.	33	1-1	*				
LUTWYCHE UTD.	34	4-0					
OXLEY UTD.	35	3-0					
CAPALABA	36	1-1	*				
KENMORE R.	37	2-0					
PINE HILLS	38	2-0					

VIC DRY TWO FIRSTS

Brighton

Bell Park

Keller

NORTHERN

P W D L F A Pts

Olympic

Launceston

Western Subs

White Eagles

Georgetown

Devonport



Paul Lewis dismissal handicaps Heidelberg

BY GREG BLAKE AND DAVID BULLOCK

FINAL four pretender Thomastown was well and truly found out by title contender Heidelberg on Sunday as the Bergers romped to a crushing 5-0 win.

But Heidelberg might pay dearly for the victory as it shapes up to its battle to the death with Croydon in just eleven days' time.

Rampaging league top scorer Paul Lewis, after adding to his 17-goal total on Sunday, got his marching orders from referee Denis Voutsinis, along with Thomastown's Victor Cristaldo, after the pair clashed in the dying minutes of Sunday's game.

Lewis, with a previous booking already hanging over his head, could be facing at least a two-game suspension and might be forced to miss the July 29 showdown with the current league leader.

Phil Stubbins took the leading role in the Heidelberg show on Sunday as he played possibly his finest game for the club against Thomastown.

Stubbins was the architect behind the Bergers' resounding win as he scored once, in the 15th minute, and had a hand in two other goals.

Stubbins was fouled by Hennessey in the 13th minute to earn a penalty, converted by Stuart Cannell, to make it 1-0, and he also set up Stuart Stevenson to make it 3-0 13 minutes from half-time.

A mistake by Thomastown substitute Paul De Propertis just seconds after taking the field allowed Angie Gouziulis to steal in to make the score 4-0 in the 66th minute, and Lewis struck for Heidelberg's fifth goal with 15 minutes left on the clock.

MELBOURNE JUST 1 ALBION 2

"I said the club needed 50 to 60 percent improvement and I think we're done it," said a satisfied Albion coach Ian Wallace following his club's 2-1 win at Melbourne JUST on Sunday.

Wallace, who left and then re-joined Albion within the space of three days recently, has his side back on the rails and into top four contention following Sunday's second successive win.

Wallace, who quit the club after a seven-week run of outs, now thinks his players are starting to believe in themselves again.

"I guess we were slightly better in the first half but we gave away a silly goal and went in 1-0 down," he said.

"But I told the players that if they play our game we will win."

"They did and we won."

Albion did it the hard way on Sunday, coming from behind after Nick Naumovski had given Melbourne JUST a 32nd minute lead when he robbed Tyrone James and finished off superbly.

But two goals in as many minutes early in the second half put paid to injury-hit JUST's chances with Kadlicek making it 1-1 with a spectacular header and Patssman following up in the 64th minute with an angled goal into the top corner of the JUST net.

JUST, already missing the likes of Beccinovski, Murray, Cazin and Barjaktarovic, had Davor Lasic sent off with seven minutes remaining after he responded to a foul by Goce Nodelkovski by aiming a punch at the former JUST player.

BULLEEN 3 FAWKNER 1

Bulleen's dog-fight with Italian-backed rival Fawkner for a place in the top four turned nasty as Fawkner fought back from a 3-0 deficit on Sunday.

Fawkner, down 3-1 with 18 minutes to play, was, according to fuming club officials, "robbed" of a second goal when Sammy Emmanuelle was ruled offside as he honed in on goal with Bulleen goalkeeper Mauro Raponi already beaten.

Linesman Carlo Grasser was the man at the centre of the furor.

Grasser, a former Bulleen player, should never have been appointed to the game, said a Fawkner official.

"Of course, we are furious that he (Grasser) was appointed to a game like that one, especially with so much at stake," he told ASW.

But Fawkner, which had come back with a vengeance and forced Raponi into two match-winning saves late in the game, only had itself to blame for letting Bulleen go three goals clear in the early going.

Bulleen, thanks to its hard-running and creative midfield, slipped away to lead in the 42nd minute when Stan Thodis grabbed his first of two for the day to score with a shot which went on off the foot of Fawkner coach Claude



A cagey Bulleen defender (white shirt) is intent on blocking the next move by Stuart Stevenson of Heidelberg at the Olympic Village — Photo by JOE MONTEMURRO.

Lucchesi.

Fab Incantalupo made it 2-0 two minutes after half-time and Thodis, who seems to reserve his best games for Fawkner, made it 3-0 with 20 minutes left to play.

Emmanuelle started Fawkner's short-lived revival when he made it 3-1 in the 72nd minute.

BOX HILL 1 FRANKSTON 1

The bottom of the table battle between Box Hill and Frankston Pines ended all square though Box Hill will feel that if lady luck had smiled on them, they would have broken the ice and registered their first win of the season.

Box Hill completely dominated the entire game and were dealt a cruel blow in the 23rd minute when the referee awarded a penalty on a "soft" tackle inside the area.

Frankston's Craig Miller stepped up to the spot and made no mistake with his shot.

While Box Hill keeper Tony Lytras was idle for most of the afternoon, the same could not be said for his Frankston counterpart Lee Davies, who made many brilliant saves to deny the home side scoring.

Davies was finally beaten in 75th minute when Greg MacLeod's corner kick was headed into the back of the net by Craig Davidson.

LEADING SCORERS: P. Lewis (Heid) 18, C. Pappas (Caul) 15, A. Humble (Croy) 15, S. Smith (Juve) 13, K. Harrison (G.G) 11, J. Eres (St. A) 11, G. McMullen (Alt) 11.

RINGWOOD 2 NORTHCOTE 3

Ringwood's inability to string consecutive victories together is one of the main reasons they are languishing near the bottom of the table, but after last week's morale-boosting win over high-rolling Juventus, many expected the Eastern suburbs outfit to account for the hot and cold Northcote City.

Northcote burst the Ringwood bubble in the 10th minute, when Jim Constantinou supplied a delightful pass to Panagopoulos who then found young Jim Iliopoulos just outside the area, he turned cleverly on the ball to fire it into the back of the net.

Five minutes into the second half, Northcote went further ahead when Pedro Ramos who looked offside, collected a splendid pass from Constantinou, with only the keeper to beat, he fired a sweetly timed shot into the back of the net.

Northcote took a stranglehold on the match in the 54th minute when Manny Anezakis fired a thundering shot into the back of the net after a great cross from Constantinou.

Ringwood suddenly came to life and completely dominated proceedings and they were rewarded in the 72nd minute when a crisp pass from David Vesnauer was met by John Corvan who scored with a scorching volley.

Ten minutes from full-time, Ringwood re-

duced the gap when Vesnauer again was the supplier with a well-weighted cross, substitute Des Shannon climbed above the Northcote defence and scored with a well-positioned header.

Ringwood then created numerous chances to draw level. John Wall produced the best only to be denied by the woodwork after he had shaken off two defenders.

CROYDON CITY 2 CAULFIELD 0

Croydon maintained their league leadership with a gutsy victory over a disappointing Caulfield City.

Croydon's playing arena was once again suspect, patchy sand coverings and water underfoot made for a hard slog, though in all fairness, Caulfield never seemed interested in the afternoon's proceedings.

Croydon had to wait until the 66th minute to take the lead. Andy Humble brought up his 15th goal of the season when he cleverly headed over keeper Dean Anastasiakis into the left-hand side of the net.

Seven minutes later Croydon were awarded a penalty when Humble was brought down by keeper Anastasiakis.

Goran Runje stepped up to take the spotkick which was brilliantly saved by the Caulfield keeper who could only tap the ball away.

Steve Brimmer was quick to react to the situation and slammed the ball into the back of the net.

MOOROOLBARK 0 BRUNSWICK JUVE 1

Juventus introduced latest signing Jeff Doyle from Morwell Falcons into the line-up at the expense of captain Steve Marley as they bounced back from their shock defeat to Ringwood last week to register a hard-fought win over a very committed Mooroolbark on a sub-standard playing surface.

Esther Park resembled more a beach setting than a soccer pitch with its heavily covered sand deposits and this in turn made the match a scrappy affair which allowed neither side to play attractive football.

Juventus had to wait until 10 minutes from full-time to shake off their gritty opponents and take the lead.

Rino Minchinello laid off a neat pass to Brian McNichol who calmly slotted the ball under the body of Mooroolbark keeper Les Long and into the back of the net.

In the 65th minute, Mooroolbark's Paul Priestley was given his marching orders for his second bookable offence of the afternoon when his language towards Juventus striker Steve Smith was not to the referee's liking.

Juventus coach Terry Hennessey was quite content with his team's efforts after the match and went on to say: "It was a very hard game and the conditions were not conducive to attractive soccer."

"We handled the situation well after last week's debacle and I guess we are back in the

picture again".

ALTONA GATE 1 GREEN GULLY 1

The ingredients for his clash went missing as both teams struggled to produce anywhere near the standard they are capable of.

With the 1990 season a foregone conclusion for both clubs in the title chase, neither side showed the desire to let their hair down for the afternoon and entertain the good crowd on hand.

Goran Georgioski scored Altona's sole goal for the afternoon while Gully had to be content with a defensive error by the home side to grab a share of the points.

ST ALBANS 1 MORWELL FALCONS 1

St Albans and Morwell Falcons, now both resigned to playing out time in the 1990 State League campaign, still managed to give fans value for money as they played out a 1-1 draw at Churchill Reserve on Sunday.

Morwell, the current State League draw specialist, had a first-half edge but was always troubled by St Albans' fast-breaking trio of Eres, Basara and Pondlejak.

But the 1989 champion was finally rewarded with a 55th-minute lead through bustling Billy Wright as he ran on to Jim McBride's through ball and headed over the advancing St Albans keeper.

But St Albans still had enough left to hit back and did so through former Morwell striker Darko Basara who equalised with 19 minutes remaining.

GAMES THIS WEEK (ROUND 27)

SATURDAY: Morwell Falcons v Mooroolbark, Caulfield City v Heidelberg.

SUNDAY: Green Gully v Albion, Frankston Pines v Altona Gate, Fawkner v Box Hill, Croydon City v Bulleen, B.Juventus v Northcote City, Melbourne JUST v St Albans, Ringwood City v Thomas Town.

VICTORIAN TABLES

We very much regret, due to a computer malfunction in our Melbourne office, it was not possible to transmit and print all Victorian senior tables.

Rest assure they will appear in your ASW as usual next week.

Bergers, Juve and Croydon locked in battle



DESPITE boasting arguably the strongest squad in the Victorian State League, Brunswick Juventus might have to look on as Heidelberg and surprise-packet Croydon battle it out for the 1990 title.

On form Juventus is the best side in the

league but the former NSL champion might yet pay for its disastrous start to the season under Roberto Vieri.

No team has come from third on the ladder at this late stage of the season to win the title, thus top teams Croydon and Heidelberg must now be rated luke-warm favourites.

It seems everyone is still expecting Croydon to fall and yet Ian Dobson's young side has done everything but crack under pressure.

With just one game, at Heidelberg in round 28, against the top bracket of clubs in the run home Croydon

might just shock everybody as it did back in the 'Dad's Army' days of 85/86.

Heidelberg has six of its last eight at home, including that crunch match with Croydon.

Combined with a final round match-up with Juventus, Heidelberg has its title fate in its own hands.

Fawkner is making a late run under new coach Claude Lucchesi and it could surprise IF it can win its round 29 and 30 matches against Croydon and Heidelberg in successive weeks.

A seven-week run of outs has cost Albion dearly, having held league leadership at

the season's half-way mark.

With only three of eight at home to finish off, the best Albion can hope for is to break the record held by Melbourne (1960) and Doveton (1981) of highest placing by a side in its first State League season after promotion.

Both Melbourne and Doveton finished third.

At the foot of the table Box Hill, without a win to the end of round 25, look doomed to relegation.

All the gutsy Hillmen can hope to do is break the drought for a win before season's end or go down in history as the only State

League team not to win a game during an entire season.

Frankston Pines look set to join Box Hill with a tough run-in to come, including matches against top-guns Heidelberg, Croydon and Fawkner.

Mooroolbark has games in hand and with matches against fellow relegation挣扎者 Pines, Box Hill and Ringwood to come, its fate is in its own hands.

If Ringwood can play to its best form more often than not, it will survive.

CHAMPIONSHIP: THE RUN HOME (Home games in capitals)

CROYDON

h BULLEEN
a Heidelberg
a Thomastown
a Fawkner
h FRANK.P'S
a Green Gully
h MELB.JUST
h MORWELL

HEIDELBERG

a Caulfield
h CROYDON
h FAWKNER
h FRANK.P'S
h G. GULLY
a Melb. JUST
h MORWELL

MOOROOLBARK

a Morwell
h RINGWOOD
h NORTHCOTE

JUVENTUS

h NORTHCOTE
h ST ALBANS
a Albion
h ALT.GATE
h BOX HILL
a Bulleen
h CAULFIELD
a Heidelberg

FAWKNER

h BOX HILL
h CAULFIELD
a Heidelberg
h CROYDON
a Thomastown
a Frank.P's
h GREEN GULLY
a Melb. JUST

ALBION

a Green Gully
a Morwell
h JUVENTUS
a Ringwood
h NORTHCOTE
a Mooroolbark
h ST ALBANS
a Thomastown

RELEGATION: THE RUN HOME (Home games in capitals)

RINGWOOD

h THOMASTOWN
a Mooroolbark
a St Albans
h ALBION
a Alt.Gate
h BOX HILL
h BULLEEN
a Caulfield

BOX HILL

a Fawkner
a Green Gully
h MELB.JUST
h MORWELL
a Juventus
a Ringwood
h NORTHCOTE
h MOOROOLBARK



h THOMASTOWN
a St Albans
h ALBION
a Alt.Gate
a Box Hill
h FRANK.P'S
h MELB.JUST*

FRANKSTON PINES

h ALTONA GATE
h BULLEEN
a Caulfield
a Heidelberg
a Croydon
h FAWKNER
h THOMASTOWN
a Green Gully
a Mooroolbark

BOX HILL

a Fawkner
a Green Gully
h MELB.JUST
h MORWELL
a Juventus
a Ringwood
h NORTHCOTE
h MOOROOLBARK

*postponed games in hand

APOLOGY

ASW regrets that a delivery problem delayed distribution to some Victorian sales outlets last week.

Parton, Keogh, Campelj may fly the George Cross coop

BY GREG BLAKE



Sean Keogh takes off. His club, Sunshine George Cross, has its fingers crossed the stalwart goalkeeper will stay at Skinner Reserve with the team he has served so well.

MELBOURNE QNSL club Sunshine George Cross is staring at a pre-season crisis as it faces the possibility of losing three of its most seasoned champions before the 1990/91 campaign.

Skipper Shaun Parton, already almost signed and sealed by local rival Preston, goalkeeper Sean Keogh and handy utility man John Campelj are all out of contract with the western suburbs club and are looking elsewhere.

Already Parton has been wooed by former Cross coach John Gardiner, who has

now taken control at Connor Reserve.

As we went to press Parton's transfer fee was in dispute with his contract maximum of \$10,000 supposed to be reduced to \$5,000 if George Cross has not met its match payments obligations by a certain date.

Preston and George Cross were haggling over the transfer fee with Preston insisting that the \$5,000 maximum is applicable.

Parton says that the contract George Cross offered him for the new season had little to do with his decision to leave the club after six years.

"I just felt stale and thought a move and a change would be good for me," the rugged

defender told ASW.

"I must admit that George Cross went a long way towards losing me during our contract negotiations.

"But basically it is just that as soon as John (Gardiner) got the Preston job he contacted me because he knew I was out of contract.

"I'm excited by the thought of a new challenge."

Keogh, who has staked his claim to being one of the nation's premier goalkeepers in the past two seasons, says his negotiations with George Cross are "up in the air."

"I haven't spoken with the club at all from the end of last year," he said.

"I'm prepared to negotiate with them but I haven't heard a thing."

Keogh, who admitted that he would be keen on the challenge of a new club, believed a move might be difficult with a \$20,000 maximum in his contract.

Campelj is also listed at \$20,000.

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Woodall set to prove his point

BY GREG BLAKE

IT would be more than a touch ironic if Brunswick Juventus got up to win the Victorian State League this season.

When the championship medals were being presented one Martin Woodall could look back for the second time in his life and reflect, with some satisfaction, on his footballing ability doing the talking for him.

Ditched after just three-quarters of a season back at NSL club Preston for the second time, Woodall is making every post a winner as he joins with other former Preston players Steve Smith and Sean Lane at Juventus as that club steams towards the title.

About this time three years ago he was dumped by Preston for the first time.

His answer on that occasion was to come out the very next season (1988) and win the Rothmans Medal for State League Best and Fairest after a sensational season with Northcote City.

Surprisingly, Woodall holds no grudges towards the NSL club which thought he wasn't good enough on two occasions.

"I was lucky enough to get a second chance at the NSL with Preston and I'm grateful for that," he says.

"Of course I was disappointed (to leave) be-

cause my ambition has always been to play in the NSL.

"But at the end of the day it is the club's decision and there is no use being sour about it.

"

"My own answer is to do well for Juventus and if we're lucky enough to win the league that is the best answer I can give."

Woodall is no doubt one of the toughest players I've seen in NSL action, a tireless workhorse who never shirks an issue.

And yet his competitive nature has never pushed him over the top into the realms of the 'hard man' tag.

Hard but fair is the cliche, as a Rothmans Medal (voted on by referees) and countless testimony by his peers will testify to that.

Whilst others rate him in their most valuable players lists, Woodall himself is positively humble about his ability.

It took him two days to realise his Rothmans Medal win wasn't just a wind-up (he wasn't present on the night of the count) and even now he admits that he "just couldn't believe it" when he took off the prestigious award.

"I was that convinced I couldn't win it that I just didn't turn up on the night," he told ASW.

"Even now I think I was lucky to win it."

"But it's nice to think others do have

respect for me as a player just as I have respect for most of my opponents.

"I like to think that my game is all about giving 100 percent and just doing the best that I can for the team.

"My aim is primarily to win the ball and then pass it to players who can play a bit."

"But I must admit that I do like to get forward and score goals when I can."

Of his second ill-fated spell at Preston, Woodall is philosophical.

It's typical of the man that he did play "when and if they needed me to play", despite carrying stress fractures in his ankle joints for much of the season.

"I just wish I'd been a bit fitter," he explained.

"But when Preston let me go if I couldn't stay in the NSL I was glad to get to Juventus.

"The club is well run and it's nice to be wanted and to have something to play for."

And has he got something to prove?

"Maybe — I think so," he muses.

"If Juventus wins the league, hopefully I'll get a contract with that club and we'll go on to the NSL."

"I think Sean (Lane), Steve (Smith) and a couple of others would like to line up against Preston."

"It would be nice to play against some of our old friends."



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Queensland's own beer

GREG RUSSELL REPORTS



New format delayed

THE proposed partial Queensland State League competition, which has been mooted as a replacement for the Brisbane XXXX League, looks certain to be delayed for another year.

The South Queensland League, which was to incorporate teams from Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Bundaberg and Toowoomba, looks set to be beaten by time for next season.

The proposal stumbled when the QSF management committee and the council of clubs could not agree on the format for the competition.

The sub-committee, which formulated the basic proposal, called for the inclusion of club teams from the regional areas, the affiliates now want representative sides in the new league.

Lengthy discussions at last week's management committee didn't reach a consensus and the proposal was put to the next council of clubs meeting.

Long debate also could not produce a majority approved resolution and delegates were urged to take all the information back to their clubs for discussion.

QSF secretary Jim Gilbert said it was hoped the across the board input from the clubs would result in a format which suited the majority of needs.

But he fears the time involved in finalising the proposal could work against its implementation for 1991.

"To restructure your major competition needs restructuring of the constitution and changes to that cannot be done overnight," he said.

"Clubs must nominate their teams for next year by the end of

'Miss Soccer'

QUEENSLAND's popular "Miss Soccer" competition has been extended to country areas in a major boost for the quest this season.

QSF secretary Jim Gilbert said the affiliates have been encouraged to hold regional contests with the winners coming to Brisbane for the final judging, along with Brisbane club entrants at the Italo-Australian Centre on August 25.

"It's shaping as one of the biggest quests we've had in years," Gilbert said.

Details on entering the Miss Soccer Quest can be obtained by contacting Perry Park on 252 6345.

October and we cannot have them nominating for a competition which does not exist.

"I hate to say it, but time could beat us."

The South Queensland League is an attempt to revive the State League which dismantled in 1981 after successful opening years were shadowed by financially-induced self-destruction at the end.

Problems incurred included players dodging unsuccessful regional State League teams because their local club teams were doing well, and dissatisfaction among city sides in having to host poor

crowd-pulling country sides.

Three leading clubs, Mount Gravatt, East and Grange Thistle withdrew from the State League before it was finally quashed the following season.

Calls for the revival of a competition including centres outside of Brisbane have increased in recent seasons.

Many feel the QSF's premier competition has stagnated while competitions in Bundaberg and the Gold Coast are booming with country regions producing a large proportion of junior and youth representatives in recent seasons.

Niven, who took over at Dittmer Park last year after Gold Coast coach Roger Hoy stood down, lost the job as the Hawks slumped back to the bottom of the table after a mini mid-season revival.

Apart from Rovers, who are equal sixth, the other sides are the bottom four teams on the ladder, possibly reflecting the extra pressure this season with two teams rather than one being relegated for the first time.

Niven's sacking comes only a month after he missed selection in the Queensland side.

He admitted combining playing and coaching had seen his form slump. He said he would play out the season before deciding on his next move.

"I can count the number of good matches I've had this year on one hand," Niven said in a refreshingly honest assessment.

"I'll just concentrate on playing now and try and help Mount Gravatt get out of trouble. I have never heard of our new coach, but he'll get a 100 percent effort from me."

Mitchell predictably is confident he can rescue the Hawks from dropping out of the premier competition for the first time in a decade.

"I don't see any reason why we can't stay up," Mitchell said.

"We've got the players, it's just a matter of working harder. No doubt it will be a big challenge, but I'm looking forward to it."

Niven will continue in the side as a player.

His axing continues an amazing run for coaches this season in the 12-team XXXX League.

Either through sacking or resignations the split have included Alan



PHIL KERR — has played a key role for Coalstars this season.

Niven joins growing list

FORMER Socceroo Alan Niven is the fifth coaching casualty of this season's Queensland XXXX League.

Niven, who took over at Dittmer Park last year after Gold Coast coach Roger Hoy stood down, lost the job as the Hawks slumped back to the bottom of the table after a mini mid-season revival.

He has been replaced by Dick Mitchell, who assisted player-coach Billy Williamson at North Star and had a stint at Second Division Mitchelton.

Although Mount Gravatt released a press statement claiming the split with Niven had been by mutual consent, Niven remained adamant he had been sacked.

"I think they were just trying to put it a nice way," Niven said.

"During our meeting, they said the player-coach job was too much. I told them not to beat around the bush and that I could accept the sack."

"About 80 percent of the players wanted to front the committee to try to keep me on. I told them it is better to just accept it. There are a couple of players in the side who have a fair bit of influence on decisions and could have had something to do with it."

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Brisbane in the box seat

BRISBANE are in the box seat to win this year's intercity series after Gold Coast ended Ipswich's hopes with a 1-0 win at Kippen Park two weeks ago.

Ipswich now only needs to beat Ipswich at home tonight to win back the title the Gold Coast Gamblers won last year.

The Gold Coast went into the match against the Coalminers without All White international Paul Halford, who stood down after announcing his plans to return to New Zealand later this year.

Gamblers coach Jim Selby used the opportunity to blood new players and finished the match confident the gaping hole left by Halford's departure could be filled.

"I was pleased with the performance of the team and particularly the new boys," Selby said. "We now have players who can be called on for future games."

"We attacked as we always do, at times leaving some gaps at the back — but that's the way we play and will continue to do so."

Ipswich also were weakened by injuries

but coach Gordon Arrowsmith took a punt on Second Division players Rod Heuser, Brent Reid and Steve Madden from Goodna and was not disappointed.

"I think we did most of the attacking and looked the more dangerous of the two sides on the night," he said.

Gold Coast's winner came from Rodney Lumb in the 55th minute after good lead-up from Gamblers' new boy Kurt Bohl, drafted into the representative side from Coast Second Division side Coomera.

Bohl showed clever positional sense when he ran across the Ipswich penalty area, dragging the defence with him and creating an opening for Lumb to score.

Ipswich were well served by experienced St Helen campaigners Randall McKie and Nev O'Sullivan.

The Coalminers' best scoring chance fell to Brad Smith after a good ball from Madden, but he miscued his shot.

The other outstanding game in the four-way series, between Gold Coast and Toowoomba, will be played as the second match in an intercity double-header at Perry Park also tonight.

AMPOL SEMI-FINALISTS HAVE BEEN DECIDED

BY PAT MCERLEAN

THE Ampol Cup semi-finalists have now been decided.

North Star will play Pine Rivers and Brisbane City will take on Easts in the semi-finals to be played at Perry Park on Saturday (July 21).

Both matches will be hard-fought affairs.

In recent weeks Easts have displayed winning form in the XXXX League competition and will be out to put pressure on Brisbane City to gain dominance for future encounters with Brisbane City as the season rolls on.

Once again North Star, the most prolific winners of the tournament in recent years, are out to etch their name on the Ampol Cup.

Pine Rivers won't be the easybeats, their firepower led by Noel Carroll and Clayton Koch, will keep North Star guessing for the whole of the match.

Since the Charlton Athletic tour of Queensland in May, country federations have expressed further interest in having major representative sides visit their various regions.

This positive reaction comes in spite of the tour in the north by Charlton being dogged by rain.

They realise this is all part of the development of the sport for the future.

The Queensland Soccer Federation is looking at ways and means of attracting the right representative fixtures to keep this positive development of the sport going.

1991 will certainly be a very big year for Queensland soccer.

The many soccer players in Australia would love to have the opportunity of the big prizes for Queensland's Miss Soccer.

The gaia evening will be staged in Brisbane on August 25.

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PACIFIC SERIES SHELVED

QUEENSLAND's plans to host the second South Pacific Cup tournament have been shelved.

The QSF management committee opted to cancel the four-team event, scheduled for next month, after Tahiti advised they would not be attending.

It is the second time in three years the Queensland Soccer Federation has withdrawn plans to host the event, first held in Auckland in 1987.

The tournament, which was inaugurated to celebrate the Auckland Football Association's Centenary, involved the New Zealanders, Queensland, New Caledonia and Tahiti.

Auckland won the first cup after an exciting draw with Queensland. The Maroons earlier had dropped a point in a frustrating draw with New Caledonia.

QSF secretary Jim Gilbert said the decision to postpone the SP Cup again had been regrettable, but the management committee had not given up totally on salvaging something from their tournament groundwork.

Gilbert said approaches were now being made for one of the overseas teams to make an extended tour of the state, which will include matches against the Maroons.

The tour would be similar to that undertaken earlier this season by English side Charlton Athletic.

"Every Charlton match other than the one in Brisbane was played in rain," Gilbert said.

"It would be good if we could get another team to tour to give the country centres a chance to recoup any losses which may have been incurred by smaller attendances than expected because of the weather."

[ASW presents Joe Marton's annual review of the top players, referees and coaches in Australia's National Soccer League for the 1989/90 season.

Taken by a poll of all NSL coaches, it gains extra veracity as it was taken AFTER the end of the Grand Final, and not at the end of the competition proper. — Ed]



BY JOE MARTON

IAN GRAY, the driving force in the Marconi machine is the coaches' choice for the ASW Most Valuable Player for the 1989-1990 NSL season.

Mick Hickman (Sydney Olympic) is the Coaches' Coach of the Year (18 points) ahead of Raul Blanco (17) and Manfred Schaefer (14).

Referee of the Year is John Santa Isabel (32 points) followed by Chris Bambridge (20) and Richard Lorenc (15).

The NSL coaches had their choice as in previous years in choosing an NSL XI, Most Valuable Player, Coach and Referee of the Year.

As the winners of the NSL Grand Final, Sydney Olympic, were declared as champions the votes were collected the week after the Grand Final.

Marconi had 11 players named in the coaches' choices, followed by South Melbourne and Adelaide City with six each.

Branko Milosevic was chosen in 10 teams with the Marconi pair



Ian Gray

THE CHOICE OF THE COACHES

VOTING COACH	GOALKEEPER	FULLBACK	CENTRE BACK
ZORAN MATIC Adelaide City	JOHN FILAN St George	ALAN DAVIDSON Melbourne Croatia	GEORGE JOLEVSKI Preston
BRIAN GARVEY Adelaide Hellas	ROBERT ZABICA Adelaide City	GARY VAN EGMOND Marconi	ALEX TOBIN Adelaide City
MANFRED SCHAEFER Apia	BOB CATLIN Marconi	DAVID BARRETT Olympic	GEORGE JOLEVSKI Preston
TONY HENDERSON Blacktown	BOB CATLIN Marconi	ALAN DAVIDSON Melbourne Croatia	ALEX TOBIN Adelaide City
BENTI MARIANI Marconi	JOHN FILAN St George	ALAN DAVIDSON Melbourne Croatia	TONY VIDMAR Adelaide City
RAUL BLANCO Melita	ROBERT ZABICA Adelaide City	ALAN DAVIDSON Melbourne Croatia	GEORGE JOLEVSKI Preston
GEORGE HANNAH Melbourne Croatia	CLINT GOSLING Olympic	JEAN-PAUL DE MARIGNY Marconi	DAVID HEALEY South Melbourne
LJUBE JANCEV Preston	ROBERT ZABICA Adelaide City	MEHMET DURAKOVIC Marconi	MIKE GRBEVSKI Sydney Croatia
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FRANK AROK St George	ROBERT ZABICA Adelaide City	IAN GRAY Marconi	GEORGE JOLEVSKI Preston
ERNIE MERRICK Sunshine George Cross	BOB CATLIN Marconi	GARY VAN EGMOND Marconi	ALAN DAVIDSON South Melbourne
TONY VRZINA Sydney Croatia	JOHN FILAN St George	ALAN DAVIDSON Melbourne Croatia	ROBERT WHEATLEY Marconi
MICK HICKMAN Olympic	ROBERT ZABICA Adelaide City	ALAN DAVIDSON Melbourne Croatia	WASHINGTON GONZALEZ Melita
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EXCLUSIVE RESEARCH FOR ASW

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TOM McCULLOCH
ZELJKO ADZIC
GRAHAM ARNOLD
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SYDNEY CROATIA
GREG BROWN
MELITA EAGLES



Robert Zabica

NSL SECOND XI

JOHN FILAN
GARY VAN EGMOND
ALEX TOBIN
GEORGE HANNAH
MILAN IVANOVIC
MIKE PETERSEN
AURELIO VIDMAR
ABBAS SAAD
PAUL TRIMBOLI
FRED DE JONG
PETER TSOLAKIS
ST GEORGE
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Paul Trimboli

UNDER 23

JOHN FILAN
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PAUL OKON
DAVID BARRETT
JOHN MARKOVSKI
ROBERT IRONSIDE
ABBAS SAAD
TONY KRSLOVIC
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ABBAS SAAD

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UNDER 23 TEAM

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — JULY 18

Chit Chat... Chit Chat... Chit Chat

Victorian promotion

BY GREG BLAKE

STATE League Weekly, in the form of an eight page weekly program, is an informative new innovation for Victorian soccer.

Edited by ASW's David Bullock, it will be available at State League grounds.

Bullock says the new product is a supplement to ASW's comprehensive weekly coverage of the Victorian scene, and wants the public to get behind the venture.

"Match-day magazines have been few and far between as far as Victorian clubs are concerned," he said at the launch.

Included in the first edition were interviews with Steve Smith of Juventus, Ringwood star John Corvan as well as competitions, reviews, guest tipsters, State League stats and a guest column from your humble correspondent.

"We saw a void that needed to be filled and we hope the new publication will do that job."

"The only way it can survive is with the support of the public."

State League Weekly is on sale every Saturday and Sunday at State League grounds in Victoria with a cover price of \$1.



Apia-Leichhardt's under 19 team with coach Terry Butler at left. The Maroons took the NSL Northern Division grand final, and went down 2-1 to a more experienced Melbourne Croatia in the National.

Paul Trevillian, the doctor with the Young Socceroos on their current Indonesian tour, was the club medico for Newcastle KB United when they were the top crowd drawer in Australian soccer.

He is in business with Ken Kaiser at Cardiff Speedsoccer Centre, and is a firm friend of former Socceroo great, Ray Baartz.

Perth youngster Fernando Fuentes is off to Spain to trial for Real Madrid.

The 16-year-old schoolboy is an outstanding prospect with North Lake Espanol in the WA First Division.

His parents have supported him with \$4000 for fares and expenses.

The odds are long that he will be joining superstars Hugo Sanchez and Emilio Butragueno in Madrid, but his ambitions are high and his skills well honed.

NSW State League outfit Warringah Freshwater has gone with the topical tide and signed two Argentine players.

Coach Glenn Sterrey is working with defender Pascual Alberto Battaglia, 22, from Velez Sarsfield and central striker Jose Luis Ibarra, 24, from Sportivo Armenio.

Ibarra scored in his first full match with the club.

Super keen soccer coach and administrator Danny Himbregts has been flat out handling the publicity side of the national under 15 championships, held this year at in Sydney's satellite city of Campbelltown.

It was the first up national championship for the Macarthur District Soccer Football Association, and they did themselves proud.

One of the real problems in Australian soc-

cer is the lack of an organisation to represent the players. So far as ASW is aware, the Bradley Report did not provide the pros and cons of the issue.

SOUTH Korea have invited the Socceroos to play in Seoul in September.

The matches against the World Cup finalists would be staged after Australia's involvement in an international tournament in Jakarta.

"We want to play against as many national teams as possible," says ASF chairman John Constantine.

"It is something we have to work on continuously and we must accept invitations to play against national sides whenever they occur if they are not disruptive," he said.

SYDNEY Olympic coach Mick Hickman has spent a few days in Perth scouting for players.

He believes there is the need for some fresh faces at the club next season and is hopeful of signing a player from WA.

Meanwhile, Andrew Bernal has agreed to new terms but fullback Steve Georgakis has been asked to be placed on transfer.

ASF chief John Constantine and Dr Graham Bradley last week visited the Western Australian Federation to complete their tour of the states.

Constantine said he was encouraged by the support received in Perth to Dr Bradley's

AFTER the success of SBS' coverage of the World Cup, the full resources of its Sports Department are being poured into running the SPORTS MACHINE, Australia's only prime time hour of sport which premiered yesterday (Tuesday, July 17).

The one-hour programme, hosted by Les Murray and Andy Paschalidis, is at 7pm Tuesdays, EST.

The show will bring viewers an exciting weekly line-up incorporating an entertaining mix of the best in overseas and local sport.

This week's premiere featured a segment on Frank Farina.

Miron Bleiberg, who has been well known on the Victorian coaching scene, is about to set up business in Brisbane. He says he expects to become involved in the game again, a short time down the track.

NSW Premier Nick Greiner has again arranged for a suitable function for soccer. To mark the 1990 National Soccer League season he is holding a reception at The Strangers Lounge, Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney on Friday, July 27 at 6pm.



ENGLANDneworder world in motion...

NEW ORDER SCORE THE GREATEST GOAL OF ALL
— THE ENGLAND WORLD CUP SOCCER SONG

After a six months break New Order bounced back into action with the official England World Cup song 'WORLD IN MOTION'.

"WORLD IN MOTION" has topped the U.K. National Charts in its second week of release (it debuted at No.2) with sales fast approaching 250,000.

"WORLD IN MOTION", the first studio recording for New Order in 1990, is the group's first ever U.K. No.1 single, it also stands as Factory Records first No.1 in its 10 year history.

"WORLD IN MOTION" came to fruition following an approach by the English Football Association after New Order had written the theme song for a TV series, "Best & Marsh" hosted by Factory supremo Anthony H. Wilson in his other hat as TV presenter.

"Best & Marsh" revolved around the recollections of great moments in soccer by two of Britain's legendary players, George Best and Rodney Marsh.

"WORLD IN MOTION" is classic New Order, a techno-dance groove with samples courtesy of Kenneth Wolstenholme, the soccer commentator of the 80's. The lyrics are provided by English comedian Keith Allen which for once do not cling to the cliches of previous 'Soccer songs'.

The band pump the forward passes through to star squad player John Barnes who scores with a killer rap provided by his former team mate, the one and only Craig Johnston.

The rest of the English squad provide the crucial back line support.

"WORLD IN MOTION" is the first Australian release through the new licensing arrangement between Festival Records and Factory Records, the label that has got "Manchester In Motion".

"WORLD IN MOTION" fields a stunning forward line of 7" single, 12" single, cassette and C.D. single. The C.D. single has two extra substitutes on hand in the form of the "No Alla Violenza Mix" and the "Subbuteo Mix."

"WORLD IN MOTION" is accompanied by a promotional video featuring New Order, Keith Allen, John Barnes and stars from the England squad.

For further information please contact: FESTIVAL PUBLICITY: (02) 660 4022 or your Festival State Branch.



CRAIG JOHNSTON
With the 1990 English World Cup Theme
"World in Motion" by NEW ORDER



The Reusch Company was concerned when FIFA brought in a rule only six weeks before the World Cup which restricted brand names on goalkeeping gloves to five square centimetres. Reusch immediately produced a new glove to meet requirements, but were surprised to note that FIFA officials allowed larger brand names to be used. Today's picture shows Argentine goalkeeper Nery Pumpido with Diego Maradona — and the World Cup. However this comes from the 1986 final, won by Argentina. Pumpido unfortunately broke a leg and was replaced by Sergio Goycochea during the 1990 tournament.



ALISTAIR EDWARDS: has itchy feet again and may remain in Singapore instead of rejoining Sydney Olympic.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCENE

with Alan Clark

AMBITIONOUS Omonia Soccer Club next season is to move home to the southern districts.

The blossoming club is to take over a football oval and club facilities at Bowker Street, Brighton.

"Bowker Street will be our home ground for next season," said Omonia vice-chairman Stan Georgiou.

"We've had talks about taking over the old Brighton City ground but once the football club moved off Bowker Street, the Council said it would be more suitable for us."

"There have been no objections to the move and we are looking forward to developing our club there."

Southern Districts Junior Soccer Association still will use the soccer facilities nearest to the street.

Omonia will use the perfect football oval at the rear after this season, sharing Woodville West with Beograd.

"There is a hall at the end of the ground which we shall use as clubrooms," said Georgiou. "We are looking forward to the move."

The development at Bowker Street looks a boon for the senior soccer-starved area.

Omonia could prove a big attraction in the area after developing substantially since its move from the amateur league.

THE SA Soccer Federation, through its Junior Soccer Council, is hosting a visit by soccer kids from the US.

The group of 14/19-years-old is from the Sports for Understanding USA College team.

They played an Adelaide Hills select last week in Hahndorf and the Western Border Association boys on Saturday in Mt Gambier.

On Monday, the Americans played Birkdale under 16s at Camden and round off their SA stay tomorrow against a Noarlunga and District Select.

CROATIA has made some shrewd recruiting moves this year with the capture of Colin Miller, Juan Rodriguez, George Konstandopoulos and Theo Anastassou.

But a player on its own doorstep is paying just as big dividends.

Big Andrew Triggs, who has had a chequered career in SA soccer, has developed into a top standard, utility player.

The tall timber can play equally effectively at fullback, central defence and midfield and has impressed all at Croatia this year with his dedicated approach to training and games.

He is a quiet achiever whose soccer ability has done all the talking for him this season.

HELLAS skipper Alby Kidd had his suspension for a sending off reduced to two games on appeal.

The dynamo was back in action at the weekend.

Kidd was sent off twice after an altercation with Croatia's Colin Miller.

THE Foundation SA League First Division looks set for a stampede finish.

No fewer than six teams are challenging for two remaining Coca-Cola Cup spots.

And competition will be keen right down to the wire for Ampol Cup berths.

While Hellas and Croatia fight out their own do-or-die struggle, Polonia, Azzurri, Beog-

legation.

But he could not gain a regular berth as the SA giant slipped out of the elite.

He was not registered to take part in the Foundation SA competition but that now has been rectified.

Hellas already has fixed up Apia goalkeeper Tony Pezzano and utility player Paul Carter from Blacktown.

FORMER school-teacher Frank Ward has agreed to stand in as secretary of Poloma.

He takes over from John Sosnowski who had to resign through work commitments.

THE Foundation SA Schools of Excellence for kids have kicked off.

Courses were held last



Robert Zabica and Neville Flounders — off to Vanuatu with South Australia. See Alan Clark's story on page 3.

rad, Salisbury, Birkdale and Modbury still are in the hunt for the two remaining positions in the Coca-Cola Top 4 event.

SA faced referee shortage this month with several 'civilian' linesmen seeing duty in Foundation SA League junior and reserves

week in two areas, blossoming with young SA talent.

STEVE Witwicki is a striker his old club Polonia hates the sight of. The little marksman has scored five out of the past seven times the clubs have met.

Witwicki now stars with Croatia and grabbed the winner when that side came back from 0-2 down to pip Polonia 3-2 and virtually end Polonia's title hopes.

"We did have a problem," said secretary of the SA division of the Australian Referees Federation Bill Devine. "We had at least six referees overseas and others were unavailable.

"We have six or seven refs who have passed the Class 3 theory but are awaiting their on-field assessment.

"They will be available for next season but we should be okay from now on with several refs becoming available."

DEFENDER Kurt Reynolds has signed State registration forms with Hellas in SA and is available for the club's difficult run in to the season.

The former Youth Socceroo joined Hellas late last season from Blacktown in a last-gasp bid to help stave off re-

legation.

But the talented defender later was told the injury could respond to two weeks' rest.

That appears to be the case.

Giant teenager Douglas Paterson also may be able to make a comeback before the season's out.

He took part in a training session this week after breaking a leg in Croatia's Ampol Cup final win against Eagles.

YOUNG Bradley Armour, of Seaford, is showing his prowess.

He recently notched up his 50th senior game for the southern club — and he only is 18!

PARA Hills looks to have unearthed an English star — just by chance.

Ian Fleming, according to club stalwart Alex Jackson, just walked in off the street.

And he has been buzzing as Para bids to jump straight back into the First Division.

The midfielder scored the winner to edge Para past Polonia in the West End Premier Cup quarter-finals.

Hellas beat Salisbury in the other quarter-final.

Salisbury coach Bob Wincer faced such a player shortage, he was stripped for action as a substitute but did not play.

Giannasca under review for Aust Olympic squad

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Croatia goalkeeper Anthony Giannasca has received a cruel lesson in the ups and downs of soccer.

For several weeks now it has appeared he has little more to look forward to than a continuing role in Canberra Croatia's reserves as understudy to Peter Gunnin — a position he has occupied since coming back from injury earlier in the NSW State League season.

That changed with a telephone call from ACT Soccer Federation vice president Steve Darby to tell him he had been called into the Australian Olympic under 23 training squad, in camp at the Australian Institute of Sport.

"It was tremendous news," Giannasca said.

"I know they have two goalkeepers, Steve Mautone of Blacktown and John Filan of St George, and that they must both be ahead of me at the moment, but there is a way to go yet and anything can happen in the next two years leading up to the Olympic Games."



STEVE MAUTONE

The former youth international joined the camp immediately and had a good first training run before disaster struck during the second session in the evening.

"I went up for a ball under challenge and fell awkwardly on my ankle," he said. "It was a combination of that and the fact the bottom of my legs were so cold — my boots were icing up."

"With the intense

training program you get at these camps it was useless to continue, so I had to drop out for the moment."

However, national coach Eddie Thomson and assistant Les Schenflug have made it quite clear they still consider Giannasca part of their plans.

"They said they want to get me into another camp, possibly at the end of August."

Harmony for ACT Futsal

BY GRAHAM COOKE



JOE BRENT

THE cold war between the Australian Futsal Federation and a large section of Canberra's indoor soccer community is over.

He said South had retained all its players from last season with the exception of Damian Mori, who is now with Victorian QNSL promotion contender Brunswick Juventus.

Club president George Vassilopoulos said last year's pre-season trip to Hawaii had been popular with the players but their partners had felt left out.

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A meeting between Futsal's national chairman, Joe Brent, and ACT Indoor Soccer Association president David Wright in Canberra brought agreement to end the split which has existed since ACTISA was thrown out of the national body in early 1988.

Speaking after the meeting, Brent said all ACTISA players will have their full rights restored.

"That means they will be eligible for selection for Australian teams and to attend national championships," he said.

A meeting will be held as soon as practicable to achieve a merger between ACTISA and ACT Futsal, the Federation-recognised body set up after ACTISA's expulsion.

The amalgamated group will be known as the ACT Indoor Soccer

(Futsal) Association.

"The important thing to stress now is that indoor soccer in the ACT is once again speaking with a united voice," Brent said.

"And that can only contribute to make the 1991 national titles, which are going to be held in Canberra, the best yet."

He said the ACT Government, which is holding a \$15,000 grant for indoor soccer in the territory, will be informed of the development.

And in further indoor soccer news, ACT Futsal's Garry Rice has been appointed general manager of six national sides scheduled to tour Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay from November 28 to December 14.

Rice will be in charge of the boys' under 12, 13, 14, 17 and youth sides as well as open women. The 12s, 13s and 14s will compete in a four-nation tournament, also involving Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina, in the Argentine city of Rosario.

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Victoria wins under 15 title

BY DANNY HIMBRECHTS

A big crowd was on hand at Lynwood Park, Campbelltown, to watch Victoria beat Tasmania 6-0 and capture the 1990 national championship.

Victoria were never troubled throughout play and headed the table on 14 points, with NSW a close runner-up on 13.

It was a case of what might have been for NSW had they not faltered to the Victorians the day before.

13, WA 10, Queensland 10, SA 9, NNSW 7, Tasmania 6, ACT 5, NT 0.

In round 7 Queensland pulled off the result of the series by downing Victoria 2-0, setting up a Victoria-NSW decider.

Then in Round 8 Queensland faded to lose 2-1 to Western Australia in a key game.

Following that, Victoria downed NSW 2-0, to put them ahead on the table.

ROUND 3

Victoria only had themselves to blame for the lack of urgency

Dominic Usaj were all on the scoresheet aided by an own goal to put to rest any doubts anyone may have.

ROUND 4

NSW took charge with a fine 6-0 win over their cousins from Northern NSW.

Western Australia caused the upset to date by defeating early favourites South Australia 2-1, Queensland beating a vast improver in the ACT 3-1 and Northern Territory scored their first goal of



DANNY HIMBRECHTS

slotted the ball past a stretched out Sonar Omac.

This took Milin's tally to six.

NSW recovered well and began their patient build up from the back again to secure control of the midfield, which was possibly the hardest working unit on show.

It wasn't long before Christian Berios rammed home his rocket into the top right hand corner of the net from some 20 metres out to level the score.

The very agile and composed Campagna put the issue out of the ACT's grasp with a well timed effort in a goalmouth scramble that proved the killer blow of the match.

Queensland and Tasmania locked themselves into a neutral duel that had the crowd in raptures throughout.

At times, either side could have easily rammed home their advantage but sadly squandered far too many clear cut efforts at goal.

The 1-1 scoreline was a fair indicator but one that Queensland coach Brian McNicol would feel his team should have improved upon.

Scott Moran put Queensland in the lead and Tasmania's reply came from Andrew Berry.

ROUND 5

Two penalties saw South Australia and Western Australia locked at 1-1, with John Pires for SA and Adrian Biundo for WA both finding the net.

Vasilios Kalogeratos took his own time to put the issue beyond doubt with the goal of the day to give the Westerners the match.

ROUND 6

Northern Territory defended splendidly against Western Australia but were two goals down at half time.

The second half belonged to Hugh Miller's West Aussies and their never ending raids on the Territorians' goal were rewarded with four more goals to set a scoreline of WA 6 NT 0.

Goalscorers for WA were Vasilios Kalogeratos 2, Adrian Biundo, Anthony Carbone, Domenico Sodano and Peter Marocchi.

Northern NSW and South Australia featured in a classic battle for honours which finished as a scoreless draw.

South Australia seem to have struck a mid tournament crisis as their usual lethal finishing let them down in their last two outings.

Tournament leading goalscorer, ACT's David Milin, was on hand to punish the NSW Blues after pouncing on a slow clearance attempt and he coolly

put the ball past a

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Many involved

found the Valentine

Park complex an eye-

opener, and were glad

to participate in a fine

talent identification

series.

NSW wins the U16 nationals

BY KEITH CALMOUN

halftime through Tony Milicic for what turned out to be the winner.

The NSW side secured 1-0 wins in their last three games, against ACT, Queensland in the semi-final and then Victoria in the final.

Although Victoria had the upper hand over the last 20 minutes, NSW created enough chances to justify their 1-0 final win.

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In the last game of the day the Victorians were allowed far too much room to manoeuvre by SA, and this was to prove costly as Vasko Trpevski rammed home a wicked attempt past the keeper to set the scene for glory.

South Australian fought hard but Victoria were on course for another goal.

This finally arrived when Bill Makris scored the goal of the day with a right foot piledriver for a 2-1 Victorian victory.

NAT U16 TITLES

TUES 10th JULY

Victoria 4 (K. Muscat, C. Kurtlesovski, N. Reddecki, own goal)

Western Australia 1 (D. Smoult), NSW 1 (A. Dowling) South Australia 1 (P. Caporaso), NNSW 1 (S. Kacev)

FINAL PLACINGS:

1st NSW

2nd Victoria

3rd Queensland

4th South Australia

5th West Australia

6th A.C.T.

7th N NSW

8th Tasmania

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 24

SATURDAY JULY 14

DIVISION 1

	U13	U14	U15	U17
Sydney Croats	v St George	0-6	0-1	3-3
APIA	v Syd Olympic	0-1	2-0	0-3
Melita	v Can/M ville	1-0	1-0	0-0
Blacktown City	v Macarthur	2-2	1-1	3-0
Marconi	v Illawarra	2-1	0-0	5-0
Sutherland	v Nepean	2-0	0-4	0-1
Bankstown	v Stn Districts	0-1	1-1	3-1
Illawarra	v Cant/M ville	5-0	3-0	0-6

ROUND 24

SATURDAY JULY 14

DIVISION 2

Gladesville	v Ku-ring-gai	3-0	1-0	1-0	2-1
Warningah	v Canterbury	0-8	4-0	2-0	3-4
Avala	v Granville	1-4	1-0	0-0	2-2
Blacktown	v Stn & Eastern	3-0	0-4	0-0	3-6
Rockdale	v Polonia	1-0	3-1	3-1	0-2
Central Coast	v Stn Branch	0-1	3-2	6-0	1-0
Warningah	v Rockdale	4-1			
Blacktown	v Ku-ring-gai	0-1	2-1	0-0	4-1
Gladesville	v Stn Branch	0-0			
Granville	v Ku-ring-gai	2-1	2-1	4-0	3-0
Central Coast	v Canterbury	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1

Outer Metro Representatives

ROUND 15

SUNDAY JULY 15

DIVISION 1

	U11	U12	
Bankstown	v Canterbury	3-5	1-2
Granville	v St George	0-2	0-2
Sutherland	v Illawarra	1-1	2-0
Stn Districts	v Macarthur	1-6	0-0
Blacktown	v Stn Branch	0-1	1-0
Illawarra	v Canterbury	0-4	1-5

DIVISION B

SUNDAY JULY 15

ROUND 17

	U11	U12	
Nepean	v Central Coast	2-1	2-0
Gladesville	v Manly	1-0	0-0
Central Coast	v Macquarie	1-0	1-1

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COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

Kurri Kurri gives them curry!

KURRI KURRI Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup team took the final step toward their trip up to either Tamworth or Inverell when they downed Rutherford 2-1 in a very close match.

On a slippery pitch Rutherford attacked first and striker Colin Howard had them one up within minutes of kick-off.

It took 25 minutes for Kurri to equalise when Justin Kavanagh chested the ball down and drove a great shot into the top corner.

Rutherford had the better of play in the second half but could not convert their chances, with Adam Bootland, Ray Brooker and Jamie Bennett out-

standing.

The turning point came in extra-time when Bennett left the field injured.

Kurri's outstanding prospect, Scott Aspinall, sped down the wing, slotted the ball to Dean Howard who chipped it to the far post for Dean Perry to blast home a great winning goal.

Kurri will now play either Oxley or Inverell for a place in the final 16.

Kurri Kurri 2 (Justin Kavanagh, Dean Perry) Rutherford 1 (Colin Howard) played at Rutherford Oval Referee: Terry Ellis.

Triple-header

In the first game at Macquarie Field on June 27, 1986 champions Cardiff were piped by the emerging St Pauls Booragul 3-2 in extra-time.

The match was one of fluctuating fortunes as both sides appeared to take turns in peppering each other's goals.

It took extra-time to separate them and the supporters were full of praise for their efforts.

St Pauls Booragul 3 (Mark Bennett 2 Gustavo Rodriguez) Cardiff 2 (Chad Taylor, Paul Kallafas). Referee: David Mason.

Merewether strong

Merewether's Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup team again impressed with a sound 3-1 victory over Francis Greenway, Beresfield.

From the opening whistle Merewether appeared to be in control.

The Francis Greenway boys never gave up and even when three goals down fought back to score probably the best goal of the match

when Terry Parker netted a beauty.

The Mayhew and Ellis connection had earlier put Merewether into an unassailable lead. They now meet Whitebridge for a place in the pre-quarter-finals.

Merewether 3 (Nathan Ellis 2, Peter Mayhew) Francis Greenway, Beresfield 1 (Terry Parker). Referee: Danny Winter.

Dour affair

Wallsend and Whitebridge played out a dour struggle in the third game of the night.

These two sides were very even and appeared to counter each other at every move.

The defences of both sides dominated the attackers over the 60 minutes, but one goal separated them at full-time.

Whitebridge 1 (Todd Johnstone) Wallsend 0 Referee: Ozzi Bellomy.

Fundraising for clubs



THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation is proving to be the outright leaders in Australia when it comes to setting up the systems for its clubs to raise funds.

Despite the atrocious weather, 27 clubs came in behind the first promotion for World's Finest Chocolate in 1989 and divided up some \$52,000 profit between them.

Already this season the soccer clubs of Fairfield Heights, Villawood United, Saints United, Fairfield RSL, Ourimbah United, Kahibah, Melita Eagles, Georges River, Ruse, Emu Plains, OLHC Epping, Blacktown United and Merewether Junior have entered the scene.

General Manager Cec Bucello expects many more.

He said: "We have also released another fundraising venture for Miracle Cloth

"On top of that we are distributing the famous Wiel Coerver Coaching Tapes."

Johnny Warren MBE, the ex Socceroo captain and Australian Soccer Weekly columnist said

"This revolutionary training method by the world renowned Dutch master Wiel Coerver achieves results, as seen by the brilliance of today's star internationals such as Ruud Gullit and Marco Van Basten."



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Schoolgirls

Hunter is victorious

IN the recently completed NSW Combined High Schools Girls Regional Soccer Championship held in Narrabri, the Hunter Region was victorious for the second consecutive time.

The carnival is divided into two pools whereby the top two teams in each pool vie for a place in the finals.

Hunter played first against Metropolitan East, winning 1-0, and in the second match against Riverina, Hunter was triumphant again in a 2-1 victory.

Day 2 saw Hunter demoralise North-West 4-1 and North Coast 4-0.

Day 3 was finals day where Hunter came up against Met. South West and Riverina against Met. West. In a hard fought match, Met South West scored in the fifth minute of the game with Hunter drawing on level terms just before full time.

Extra time was required with Hunter running out winners 2-1.

In the other semi Riverina and Met. West were still locked 1-1 at



MATT BINGLEY

the end of extra time and a penalty shoot-out was required with Riverina victorious.

The final between Riverina and Hunter saw the latter running away with victory in the dying stages 4-1.

Michelle Prouten was named player of the tournament.

In all fairness any of the four teams that made the semi-finals could have won the carnival.

That Hunter won can be attributed to a fine team effort and the very supportive parents who made the trip to Narrabri.

Thanks go to the pupils of Narrabri High

who billeted the ten teams who participated.

It is indicative of the high standards girls soccer has reached when Mr Gray Powell an international referee, officiated at the carnival.

HUNTER REGION GIRLS SQUAD Michelle Prouten (Raymond Terrace), Cheryl Salisbury (Lambton), Brigitte Starr (Rutherford), Tracey Chapman (Mount View), Belinda Stobart (Glenvale), Heidi Porteus (Songbird), Tracey White (Glenvale), Deanne Russell (Glenvale), Kristy Mohan (Francis Greenway), Lynelle Young (Francis Greenway), Belinda Payne (Dungog), Natalie Hutchens (Booragul), Trudi Diamond (Wallsend), Charlene Clarke (Irrawang). Coach: David Moore, Francis Greenway, Beresfield.

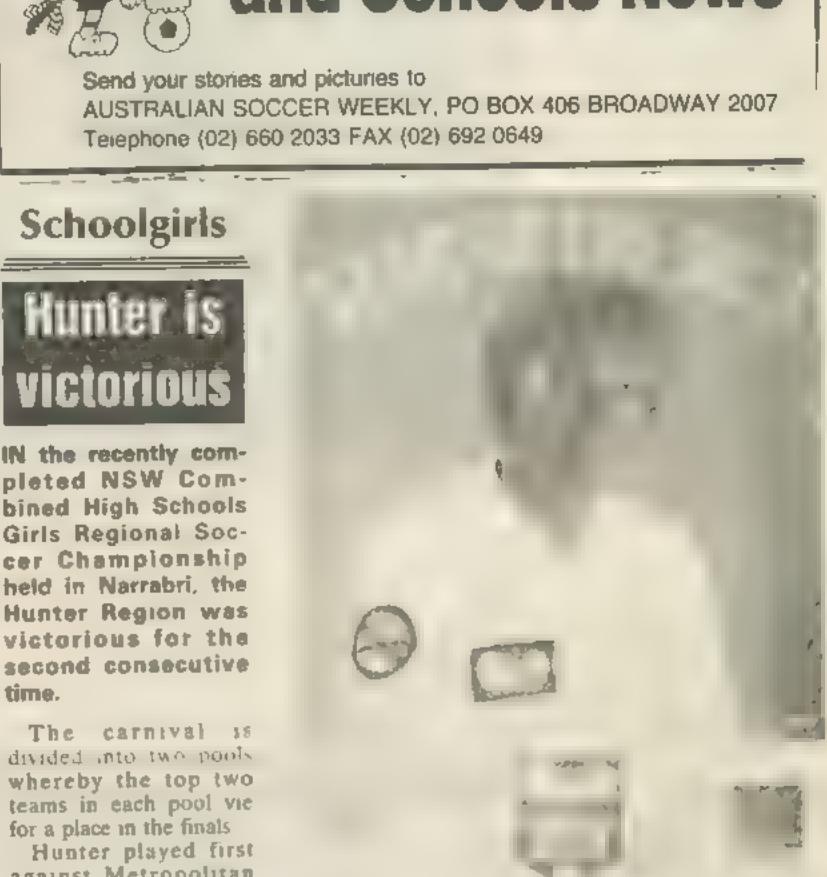


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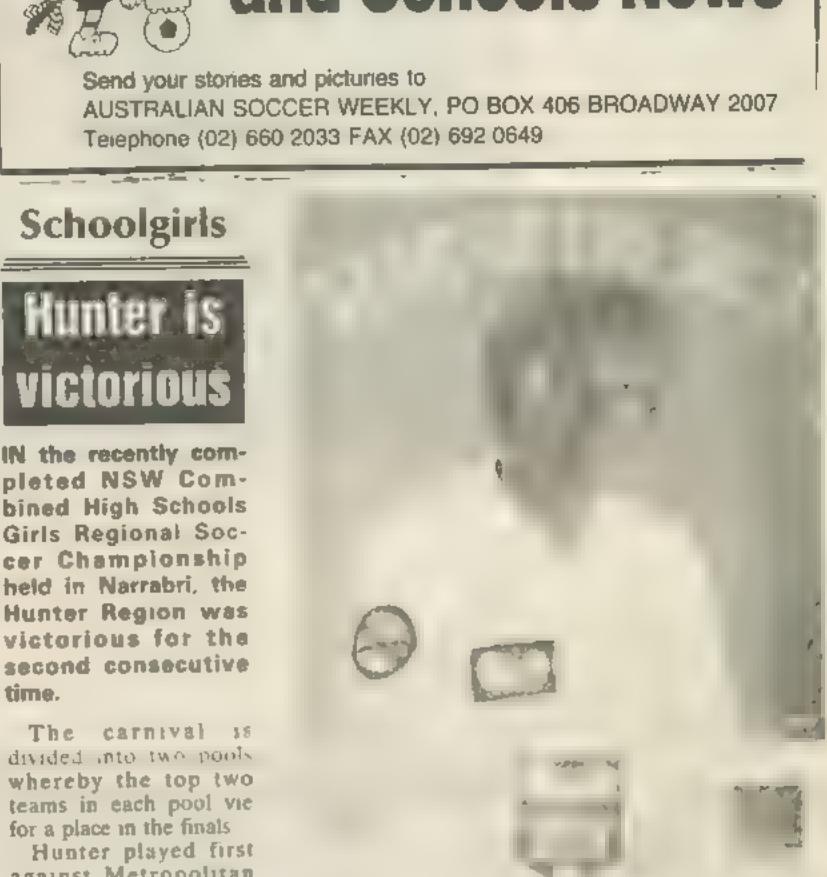


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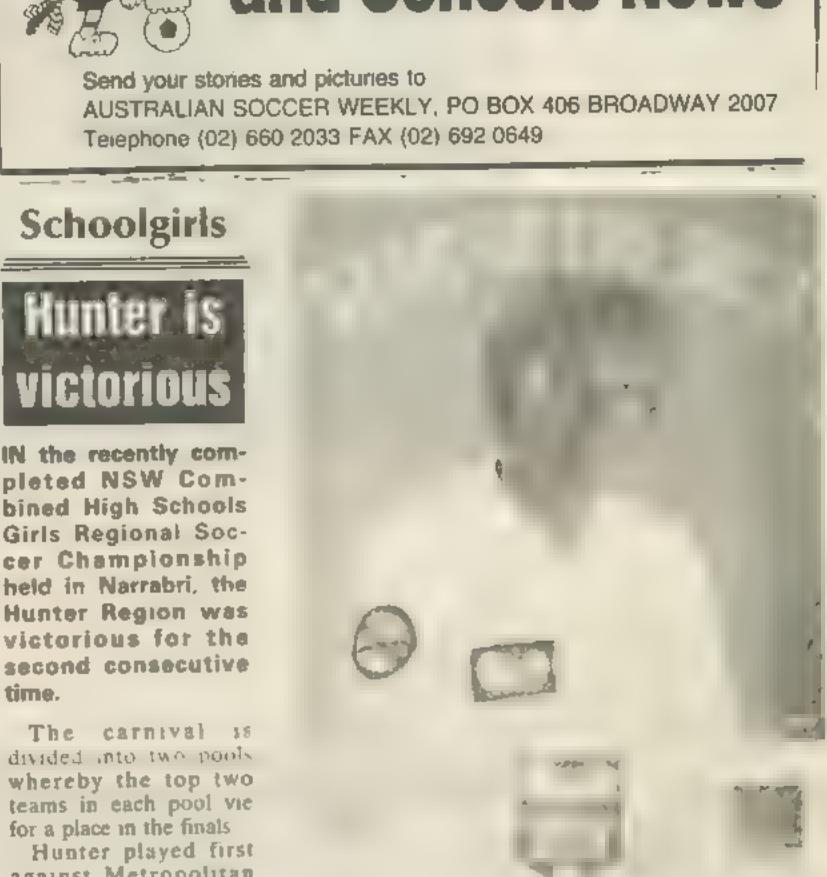


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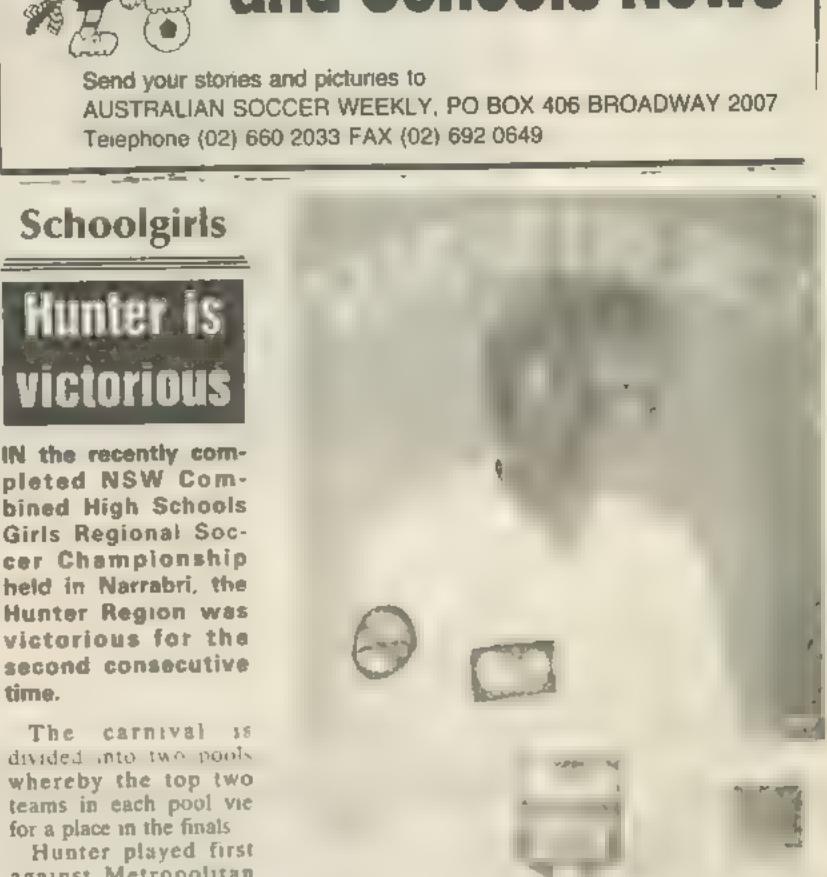


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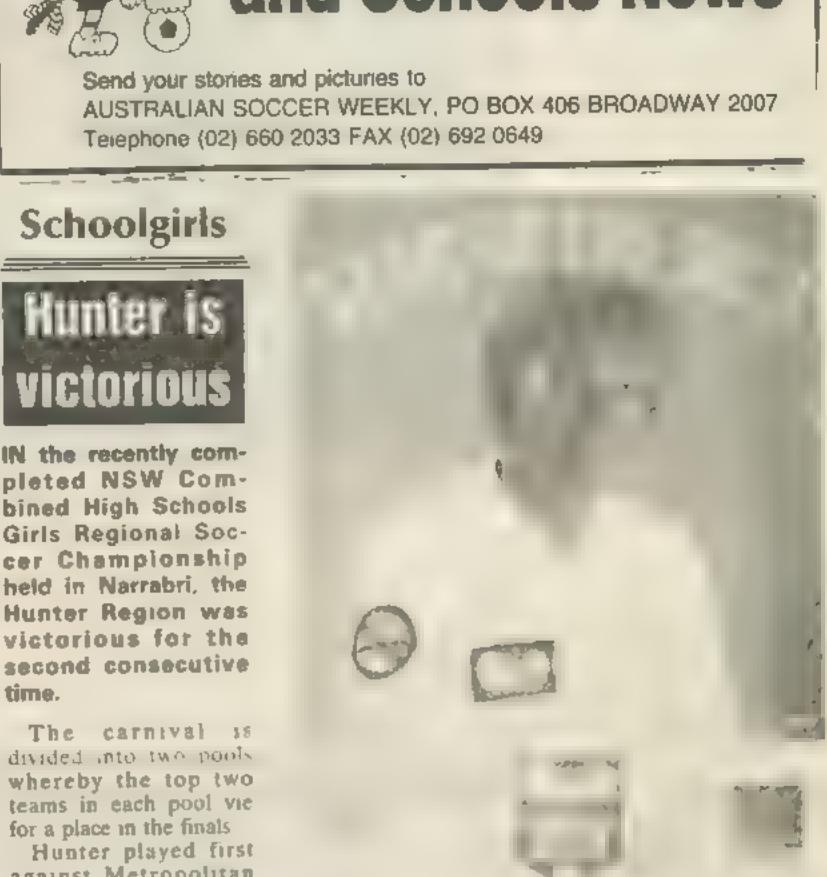


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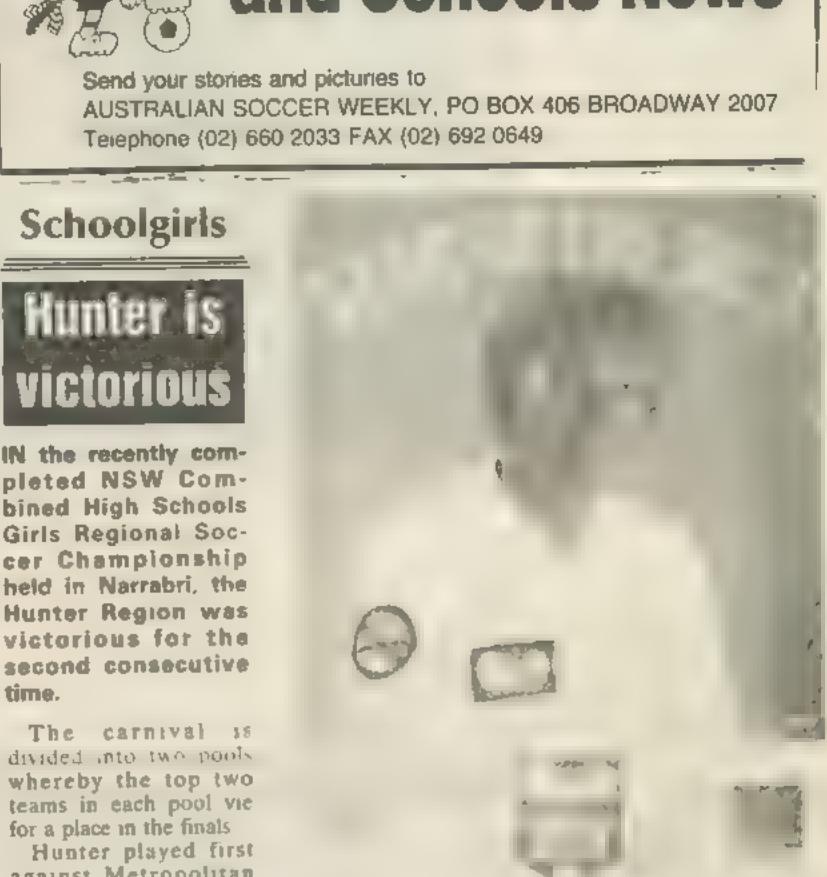


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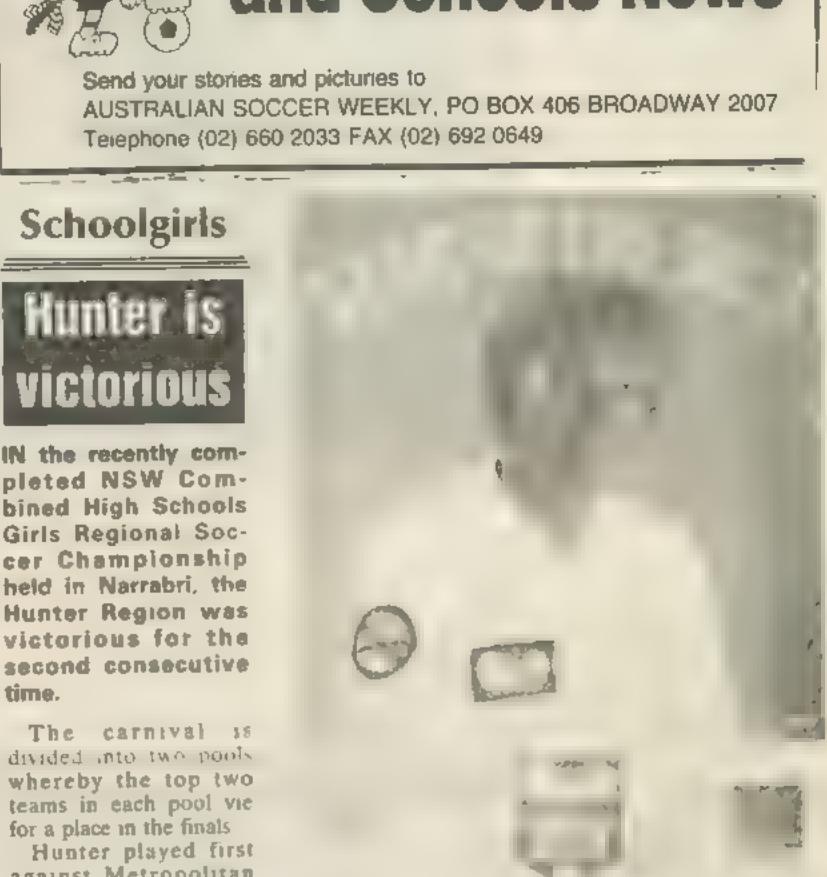


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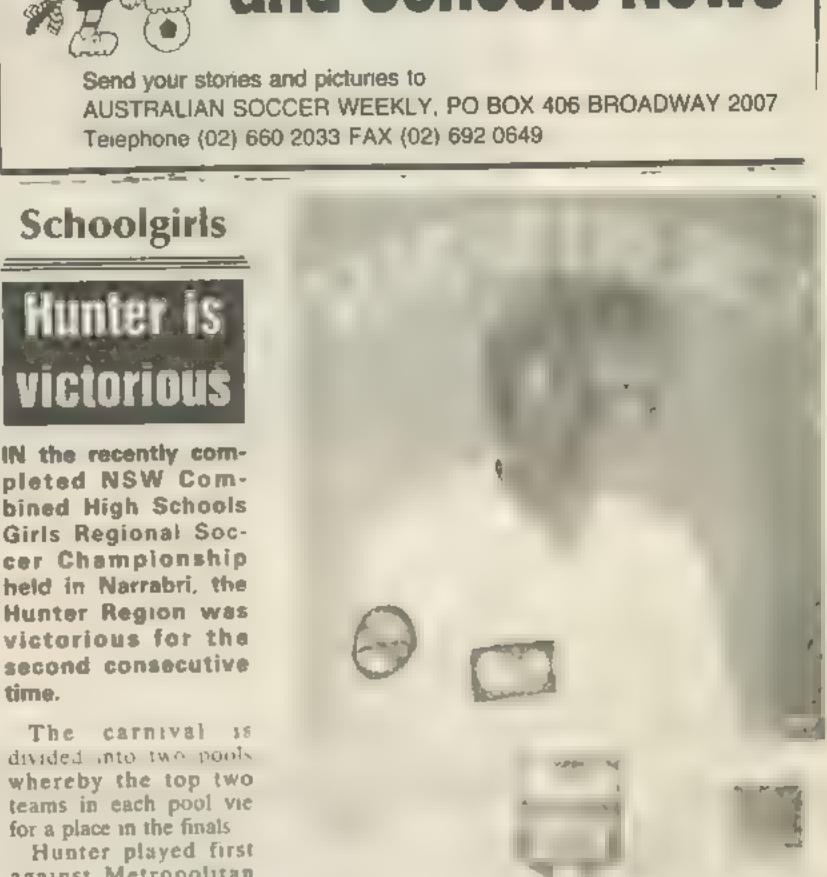


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BLACKTOWN CITY U/17: A. Crews, C. Carav

Joe Marston opts for Queensland

BY KEITH GILMOUR

FORMER Australian captain Joe Marston is retiring to Queensland and expects to settle in the Burleigh Heads area on the Gold Coast.

Recently he and his wife sold their Sydney home and set off for a five-week holiday at Cairns before going to Burleigh Heads to purchase a property.

Marston was a star with both Leichhardt-Annandale and Apia-Leichhardt, both of which were topline clubs which played at Lambert Park.

He began his illustrious career at right-back as a 17-year-old with Leichhardt-Annandale back in 1943.

He went on to represent NSW as a 21-year-old, and played for Australia in the highly successful South African tour of Australia in 1947.

With Leichhardt he played alongside big names like Norm Conquest, Marston and Jack "Digger" Evans, Ray Ridley, Jock Parkes and Les Hankin, Alby McMahon, George Russell, Frank Parsons, Jock McMahon and Harry Robertson.

Parsons is now involved in a stud cattle property at Donding-along on the NSW Mid-North Coast, and Russell at Yamba.

Marston joined Preston North End in 1951, at a time when the club was highly rated in England.

He made 200 appearances with the club, not the least of which was in the 1954 FA Cup final, when Preston went down 3-2 to West Bromwich Albion.

Included in the Preston side were Tom Finney and Tommy Docherty.

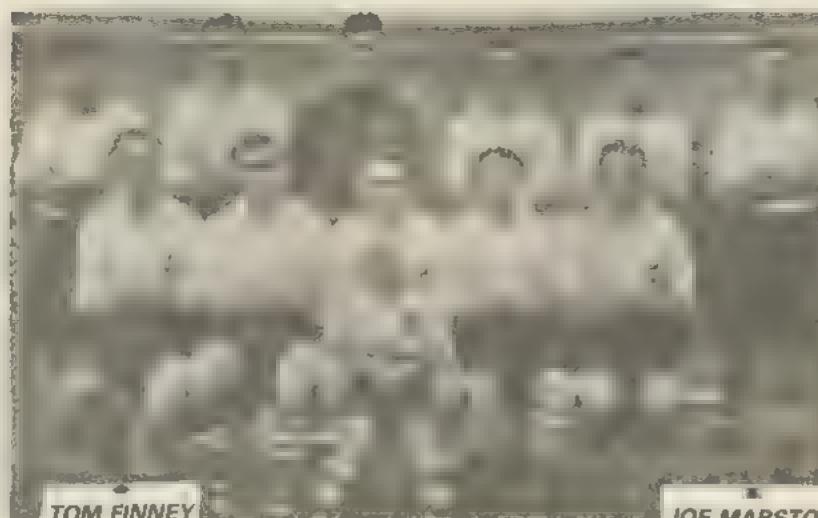
Marston also represented the English League against the Scottish League — as an Australian the highest award available to him.

On his return he became the centre-back of the famous Apia sides of the earlier NSW Federation days, giving the team a solidity in defence that has not often been matched before or since.

A typical Apia line-up back in 1962 was: A. Iglesias, C. van Blerk, N. Cosettini, P. Hughes, J. Marston, D. Fagan, R. Hunter, L. Baumgartner, B. Morrow, F. Bottalico, G. Giacometti.

Later Marston coached Apia, Western Suburbs and Auburn.

Marston was not the first Australian to succeed overseas.



TOM FINNEY

JOE MARSTON

The 1953 Preston North End team, one of the strongest in England in the early to mid-50s.

Roy Bentley, the Chelsea and England star of the early fifties, was brought up in Goulburn, NSW.

There was another, James Jackson, who went from Newcastle

to play with then Woolwich Arsenal in the late 1800s.

But Marston was a star defender in every sense of the word.

He was a truly great sportsman, and the

National Soccer League got it right when they settled on the "Marston Medal" to be awarded each year to the player judged the best of the grand final.

The tour is close to 100% sponsored and the Fiji Football Association have been more than helpful in organising the trip.

The party takes with it the best wishes from the City of Newcastle and extends an invitation for Fiji to pay a return visit to Austral Park.

The team leaves Newcastle on Wednesday, July 25, at 3am and returns the follow-

ing Tuesday.

Tour details are:

25th July: DEPART (Sydney Airport at 7am) ARRIVE FIJI (Nadi Airport) at 12.45pm.
Fiji U20 National Team vs BHP AUSTRAL 7.30pm Kick-Off.

26th July: Travel to Pacific Harbour. Training and Clinics.

27th July: Travel to Suva. Training and Clinics. Sightseeing.

28th July: Training a.m. FIJI NATIONAL XI vs BHP AUSTRAL

29th July: Travel to Korolevu. Rest Day
30th July: Light training a.m. Hyatt Regency Hotel X1 vs BHP AUSTRAL (as you can imagine this is a fun day).

31st July: Depart (Nadi Airport) 10.20am. Arrive (Sydney Airport) 1pm.

TOURING PARTY

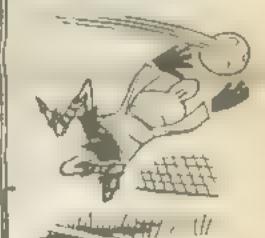
Willie Gallagher Coach, Peter Fairleigh Ass. Coach, Jimmy James Team Manager, Gerrard Carey, Howie Tredinnick (Captain), Gary Phillips, Mike Boogaard, Mickey Devon, Brett Porter, Doug Elphick, Craig Carter, David Bowen, Dean McWhirter, Bobby Naumov, Ralph Maier, Wayne Bailey, David Jones, Pol Kravetski,



HOWARD TREDDINICK

Milan Milletic, Scott Gresham
Officials: Con Mitsios (Austral President), Syd Wilson (Vice President), Rick Pointon (Sponsor Representative), Willie Wallace (Sponsor), Eddie Boards (Tour Leader/Media)

Arrangements have been made to make reports to the licensed club at Birmingham Gardens after each game.



ASW READERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Ladders

I have been buying your paper for years, because I enjoy its many features, particularly the various State Leagues and Federations.

I enjoy and follow soccer from all states. Up until recently you did not publish weekly ladders from other states apart from Victoria and NSW.

Another problem I have found is that your paper does not publish the Queensland State League ladders. Instead it publishes the Queens and Division 3 ladders.

Rick Le Ribus
PO Box 1327
Glen Waverly 3150
Victoria

[As you will have noted, we are publishing more state tables than previously. This is thanks to the cooperation of a number of the State Federations. Some lower divisions, such as Queensland Div 3, are published at present because they are on the Pools coupon — Ed.]

Prejudice without pride

Just when SBS's excellent World Cup cover was beginning to show the Australian public what football is all about, The Age writer Peter Smark couldn't resist taking a swipe.

He says Don't compete, remain hidden and you will be guaranteed peace.

But surely the Olympic Games and the World Cup increase the global village rather than divide it.

I think Mr Smark must be regarded as the champion of isolation.

"Melbourne Reader"
Melbourne, Vic.

Open season

Bag the referees! It's always on in the media of course.

And alive and well with your ASW on June 27. A pity Richard Lorenc was only ainesman

This correctly in my opinion implies that Richard doesn't always caution unduly rough play or gamesmanship, and incorrectly that FIFA's current favourites in Italy have gone overboard

What chance do conscientious referees have of cleaning up our games while Martin Tyler and Ray Richards and Rale Basic condemn many lawful decisions?

'Card-waving refs Blasted' says your headline

The copy is from Italy. I guess, and tells us that FIFA felt that even more cautions should have been administered 'with vicious fouls still marring games'

So the 'Referee Blasting' of the headline is clearly a local input

Thanks but no thanks

Perhaps your journalists aspire to promote something 'manly' or even rugby?

'Keep 'em on the park' is outdated. Who needs these latter-day Nobby Stiles?

The tough application of the laws in Italy in Week One has given us better matches later.

There has been no

experimenting with lesser refs, the inexperienced improvers

FIFA has lifted its game in order to set new standards, and is succeeding

It's time to lift your game

Charlie Yankos and Mike Johnson have emerged as the best of our commentators in this series

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World Cup runneth over

IT HAPPENED during Italy's World Cup soccer match with Ireland on Sunday. Commentator Martin Tyler, finding himself with six-and-a-half seconds to kill between fouls, made a passing reference to the \$18 million that Italian striker Roberto Baggio had cost his club.

Numbly, perhaps, by the early hour, I didn't react at first. I didn't think: Stack me, you could resurface 18km of the Pacific Highway for that sort of money, 19km if Roberto Baggio was stamping the tarmac flat himself!

It wasn't until minutes later, the next time Baggio ran with the ball, that my heart started pounding and my adrenaline level shot up to the point where I was almost able to plug in the kettle unaided.

I glanced at the kids. (They always get up at 5.30 on Sundays in case Alvin and the Chipmunks starts early). They'd stopped seeing how many grains of sugar they could balance on a single rice bubble, and were staring at Baggio, transfixed.

As soon as he passed the ball, though, they lost interest and reached for the glue again.

An awful thought occurred to me. Was this what it had come to, after years of blockbuster movies and epic mini-series and star-studded *Save the Planet* specials, that we could get excited in front of the box only when we were looking at millions of dollars?

Of course not, I said to myself sharply. At that moment another Italian player wove across the Irish goalmouth

with a dazzling display of ball control and my adrenaline shot up again.

I almost got a tea bag into a cup. The kids were staring at the screen again, staple guns forgotten in their hands. I felt a surge of relief. We could still respond, even when big bucks weren't involved.

Then Martin Tyler identified the player as Salvatore Schillaci, who had cost his club only slightly less than a NSW Government motor-cycle racing circuit.

This was serious. I decided to run some tests to find out just how far gone we

recreation routine. Minutes passed. I was engrossed. The kids were engrossed. I knew the documentary series must have cost a certain amount, but not that much. The Red Army soccer team, for example, didn't have a single Sicilian striker.

I was just starting to relax when one of the kids spoke. "Of course," she said, "this series would cost \$400 million to make today. What with the Red Army being in the news so much last year and becoming famous and getting Harry M. Miller to do their contracts."

I clung to one last straw. Perhaps it was all in the mind. Perhaps we could watch anything if we believed the money was on the screen.

I turned back to the football. An unidentified Irish player wove around two defenders and fired a brilliant shot at the Italian goal. "Look at that," I yelled. The kids barely looked up. "How much did he cost?" they yawned. "I don't know," I said, "but his Dad walks past the Dublin Entertainment Centre every morning on his way to work and it cost millions."

They gave me a strange look and went back to seeing how many grains of sugar they could fit into their mouths. ("This is going to cost millions in dental care," one grunted excitedly to the other.)

I gave up then, deeply depressed. I needn't have been. On Monday morning the Cameroon team had us and the world gripped with excitement for two hours, and up to that match, their combined transfer value wouldn't even have bought their country an Australian TV network.

MORRIS GLEITZMAN
ON TELEVISION

— BY COURTESY OF THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Innovation, skill next time around

BY MIKE JOHNSON



IT wasn't a game — it was a shame!

The 1990 World Cup final more than any other game I have ever seen fulfilled the above caustic comment.

It was a shame!

It was a shame that Argentina never made a game of the final.

It was a shame that West Germany were not good enough to play the totally defensive Argentine team off the park.

It was a shame that the game had its Mexican referee, Edgardo Codesa.

It was a shame that the Germans once noted for their manliness, continually pretended injury in order to influence the referee.

A shame that Maradona was once more kicked and tripped throughout.

A shame nevertheless that he did not really try to impose his will, his talent on the game.

Indeed, it was a shame that this game ever took place, such was its negative image for soccer seen throughout the world.

The final epitomised much that was bad in the preliminary games leading up to the shameful final climax.

Throughout this World Cup, teams had been negative and defensive.

Several teams, including England and West Germany played with five at the back, while others stacked their



Carlos Valderrama of Colombia — his country's skills at Italia '90 were a revelation.

midfield leaving only one man up front

It was automatic that this was going to be the lowest scoring World Cup finals ever.

The FIFA directive to referees that they give yellow cards for professional fouls and red if a goal chance had been prevented was always going to pose problems.

The fallible men in black ruined numerous games as they sought to follow the directive.

That the directive did not work was proven by the massive number of fouls on Maradona, with hardly any of them producing a yellow card for the offender.

Yet we had two send-offs against Argentina in the final, both highly debatable.

The shameful play-acting and deceit among

players trying to have opponents carded was practised among all teams except the Irish and the English.

This is probably because few Irish or English players play in Europe where such deceit has been prevalent for years, as it has in South America.

It was noticeable that in the English team Chris Waddle, their one European-based player, was the only one who rolled and writhed on the ground when fouled.

What an awful advertisement for soccer such devious behaviour is.

The same can be said for the continual fouling that goes on in world soccer today.

It is standard practise

for players to bring down opponents who look like penetrating their defences.

It is almost impossible for a penetrative dribbler to make progress today in European and South American soccer.

They are hacked down before they can go even 10 metres.

Such is the case with Maradona.

It is discouraging players from dribbling.

What a shame that is.

The art of dribbling is one of the game's great attractions yet it is becoming a lost art.

It was almost non-existent among front players in Italy during the finals.

The winning team the West Germans have only one player, Pierre Littbarski, who plays with flair, sometimes assisted by Jürgen Klinsmann, who relies more on power running.

Germans

From the start of this tournament one has contended that the West Germans were predictable, without flair or real skill in possession of the ball.

Their performance in the final conclusively proved that to be correct.

West Germany was outplayed in the semi-final by an English team that was hamstrung, tentative and unsure in that game, just as it had been in its previous games because of its own use of a five-man defence, a packed midfield using short passing technique with only one man up front.

This style of game is as foreign to the English as the soil they were playing on in Italy — yet



they could have won this World Cup.

After spending so many hours watching this competition, one is concerned for the state of world soccer with its dearth of innovative attacking skills and the crushing of what little there is with foul play.

This cynicism even affected Cameroon who seemed well taught by their Russian coach in the art of kicking players.

However, their skill on the ball was an example that all teams need to match, just as was that of the Colombians and Egyptians.

It is to be hoped that the excellent ball skills of players from those Third World countries may be emulated by others in the more affluent and powerful nations of Europe.

It is to be hoped that FIFA, with the assistance of its referees, will be able to discourage player violence which in turn is discouraging skill.

Skill and goals is what attracts spectators to games — there was too little of either on view in Italy.

Here in Australia we need to hold onto the good in soccer and discourage the bad.

By and large we still play the game in the right spirit and with increasing skill.

Let us hope FIFA is able to encourage its world members to do likewise before their next confrontation in the USA in 1994.

European Cup Round 1 draw

CHAMPIONS' CUP: Red Star Belgrade v Grasshopper Zurich.

Marseille v Dinamo Tirana.

Swarovski Tirol v Kuusysi Lahti.

Lillestrom v FC Brugge.

Sparta Prague v Spartak Moscow.

Napoli v Ujpest Dozsa.

Malmo v Besiktas Istanbul.

Dinamo Bucharest v St Patrick's Athletic.

US Luxembourg v Dynamo Dresden.

Porto v Portadown.

Real Madrid v Odense BK.

Lech Poznan v Panathinaikos.

Glasgow Rangers v Valletta.

Bayern Munich v Apoel Nicosia.

Akureyri v CFKA Sofia.

AC Milan — bye.

CUP-WINNERS'CUP: Preliminary round —

Bray Wanderers v Trabzonspor.

Swift Hesperange v Legia Warsaw.

Winner preliminary round v Barcelona.

Viking Stavenger v FC Liege.

FC Sliven v Juventus.

Manchester United v Pecsi Munkas.

Dynamo Kiev v Kuopion Palloseura.

Schwerin v Austria Vienna.

Dukla Prague v Sliema Wanderers.

FC Famagusta v Aberdeen.

Montpellier v PSV Eindhoven.

Flemurtani Vlora v Olympiakos.

Gleentoran v Steaua Bucharest.

Wrexham v Lyngby.

Estrela de Armadora v Neuchatel Xamax.

Fram Reykjavik v Djurgarden.

Kaiserslautern v Sampdoria.

UEFA CUP: Vejle BK v Admira Wacker.

Bayer Leverkusen v FC Twente Enschede.

Chernomorets Odessa v Rosenborg BK.

Katowice v Turun Palloseura.

Heraklis Saloniaka v Valencia.

Anderlecht v Petrolul Ploesti.

Atalanta v Dinamo Zagreb.

Slavia Sofia v Omonia Nicosia.

Benfica v AS Roma.

SV Roda v Monaco.

FC Sevilla v PAOK Salonika.

Partizani Tirana v University Craiova.

Atletico Madrid v Politecnica Timisoara.

Rapid Vienna v Inter Milan.

Fenerbahce v Guimaraes.

Hibernians (Malta) v Partizan Belgrade.

Brondby v Eintracht Frankfurt.

Dnepro v Hearts of Midlothian.

Vitesse Arnhem v Derry City.

MTK Budapest v Lucerne.

Sporting Lisbon v Mechelen.

Lausanne v Real Sociedad.

Avenir Beggen v Inter Bratislava.

Borussia Dortmund v Chemnitzer FC.

Norrkoping v FC Kolin.

Hafnijardar v Dundee United.

Antwerp v Ferencvaros.

Zaglebie Lublin v Bologna.

Glenavon v Bordeaux.

GAIS Goteborg v Torpedo Moscow.

Aston Villa v Banik Ostrava.

FC Magdeburg v Rovaniemen Palloseura.

The matches will be played on a home-and-away basis, with the first named teams at home in the first leg, on September 19 and October 3.

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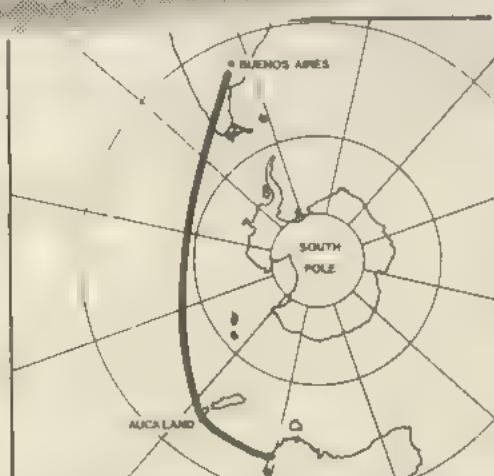
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Italians crash back to reality

ITALY crashed back to harsh reality after a month of World Cup passion that took its soccer-mad people from the heights of joy to the depths of bitter disappointment at a victory torn from their grasp.



Paolo Maldini celebrates an Italian goal, but the partying stopped for Italy after the semi-final against Argentina.

The heavy sacrifices made by ordinary Italians to stage the greatest sports show on earth were forgotten while the national side stormed easily through to the semifinals.

But the magic vanished and Italians began counting the cost on the night that Argentine sorcerer Diego Maradona bewitched Italy into a semi-final defeat at the very moment when a record fourth World Cup was already within their sights.

As people returned to ordinary life after a month spent watching, discussing, cheering and suffering over the football extravaganza, the predominant feeling was that Italy had been cheated of a trophy which was theirs by right.

This emotion is sure to colour the way in which Italy remembers an unrepeatable, lost chance of supreme glory on its own soil, where football has an almost religious aura.

The scrappy final between West Germany and Argentina only confirmed the passionate belief that the Cup's rightful home was with the hosts.

But despite the disappointment, most Italians looked back with great pride at the way in which, after months of uncertainty and apprehension before the June 8 kickoff, the huge enterprise ran smoothly and efficiently, winning praise from FIFA and foreign observers.

They believe the competition has played a major role in correcting Italy's international image from chaos to efficiency, invention and elan.

Chief organiser Luca di Montezemolo emerged from the competition with enormous managerial prestige and a stack of lucrative job offers.

The World Cup caused a virtual suspension of normal life in Italy, with news bulle-

tins leading on news of the matches and few people interested in anything else.

Politicians spent their time in the VIP boxes of stadiums instead of the back corridors of power.

But a truce between the squabbling parties in Italy's coalition government was quickly declared over and newspapers predicted with regret that they would have to write about politics and nagging economic problems once again.

The end of the World Cup is likely to reopen recrimination about the costs and sacrifices made to stage the competition, that remained dormant while football held centre stage.

Years of stifling bureaucratic and political delays pushed World Cup construction costs up to \$7.18 billion, almost twice original estimates, and caused a hectic scramble to get grounds ready in time.

The 12 World Cup cities were turned into huge building sites and their residents suffered inconvenience and traffic chaos. Twenty-four workers died in accidents, 15 times the national average.

Italians also paid a high price to defend the country from the biggest threat of crowd violence in the 60-year history of the World Cup.

The threat from English, West German and local hooligans forced an unprecedented security operation by more than 45,000 police that turned several cities into what one newspaper called heavily defended concentration camps.

Italians were horrified by scenes of mass violence in Milan, Rimini, Turin and Cagliari where phalanxes of baton-swinging riot police fought hooligans.

But here again they took pride in the way in which their police were able to contain the violence despite widespread foreign cynicism before the Cup began.

Provoked by defensive hit-men and frustrated by Argentina's poor performance, he



JOHNNY WARREN COVERS THE WORLD CUP



Diego's reign ends in flood of tears

DIEGO Armando Maradona's turbulent reign as the undisputed king of world soccer ended in tears.

The Argentine captain, clearly not fully fit, touched the ball only about a dozen times during the World Cup final.

Almost 30, Maradona closed his international career with a booking for complaining to the referee and with the cruel and unjustified whistles of the 73,000 crowd ringing in his ears.

Weeping openly, the stocky midfield genius led his dejected team on to the podium to collect their runners-up medals four years after lifting the cup in Mexico.

"The final will be the last big occasion of my career," Maradona had said before the match, adding that he would not play for the national side again.

"It's time to hand over the captain's armband," he said.

Maradona went into the game cursing the crowd for boozing his country's national anthem — a most unsporting reaction to Argentina's semi-final win over Italy.

The player who dominated world football for a decade made his league debut in Argentina when only 15 years old, a prodigy who had already entertained crowds at halftime with his ball-juggling skills.

Provoked

Born in a Buenos Aires slum, he was given his first football as an infant and slept with it under his arm.

The affection was mutual and Maradona began to show unrivaled skills in local league football.

At 17, he just missed inclusion in Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning squad but quickly got over the disappointment by leading Argentina to triumph in the World Youth Cup in Japan a year later.

His marvellous close control, free-kicks and passing had already attracted attention from wealthy European clubs and Barcelona signed him after the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

The 1982 tournament was a bitter experience for the headstrong Maradona, still unused to the brutal marking that was to follow him throughout his career.

Provoked by defensive hit-men and frustrated by Argentina's poor performance, he



DIEGO MARADONA — lost his crown as the world's Number 1 at Italia '90.

was sent off for a blatant foul against Brazil in the second phase.

From then on Maradona, controversy and the World Cup walked hand-in-hand.

Four years later he led his country to victory in Mexico with a series of inspiring displays that left even his strongest critics gasping in admiration.



But his quarter-final performance against England, which featured a classic dribbling goal from the halfway line, was marred by the notorious 'Hand of God' incident.

Maradona had somehow stretched above towering goalkeeper Peter Shilton to punch home the ball, later claiming a case of divine intervention.

By then a multi-million-dollar Napoli player after a couple of barren years in Spain, Maradona reinforced his world's number one

status by leading the previously unfashionable club to two league titles and a UEFA Cup win.

His soccer love affair with the southern city was always likely to lead to controversy when Italy geared up for this World Cup. It did.

At Maradona's best, Naples crowds flocked to support Argentina in the first round. But elsewhere, Italian crowds booed his every move.

When Argentina returned to Naples for their semi-final against the host country he was accused of trying to stoke up regional rivalry to garner support for his team.

His side's unexpected victory — the latest in a string of fortunate escapes — was summed up by an Italian newspaper headline "Maradona is the devil."

Two days later he was involved in a fracas with Italian security officials and claimed the entire country was plotting against him.

"I hope Italy will forgive me," he said on the eve of the West German game. But it was too late.

Passarella tipped for Argentine job

ARGENTINA may try to emulate West Germany's World Cup-winning formula by appointing former captain Daniel Passarella as their next national team coach.

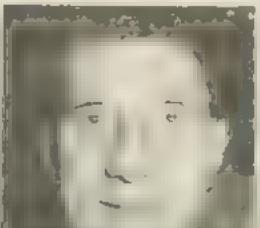
Passarella, currently in charge of Argentine champions River Plate, led the victorious 1978 side under Cesar Menotti, currently heading the campaign for a return to the open, attacking soccer which gave them their first world crown.

Present coach Carlos Bilardo, in the job for seven years, has given his blessing to Passarella despite their opposing tactical philosophies.

"Passarella would be a good choice because of his international prestige," he said.

Argentine Football Association president Julio Grondona said after the World Cup final defeat by West Germany that he would not try to persuade Bilardo to stay on when his contract expires at the end of the year.

"We will begin to think of the future in a month's time," he said.



CARLOS BILARDO

West German team chief Franz Beckenbauer became the first captain and manager to lift the World Cup.

Diego Maradona, who has probably made his last international appearance, has cast doubts over Argentina's immediate future.

"The problem is the new generation of footballers. There are only a few talented players and they don't know how to suffer," he said.

Menotti believes Argentina could field a better team with 10 locally-based players, plus Maradona.

Bilardo's squad comprised a majority of exiles who were difficult to assemble for training and were influenced by the European game.

30 billion TV viewers

HALF the population of the world turned in to watch at least part of the World Cup finals on television, according to Italia '90 organising committee director Luca di Montezemolo.

"The World Cup had an enormous television audience all over the world," Di Montezemolo told a news conference, after collating total viewing figures which he said topped 30 billion.

"We reached only 13 billion in Mexico (in 1986). There has never been a sporting event like this."

Tickets sales from the month-long event also set a world record \$175 million.

"The World Cup didn't only represent a month of celebrations for our country and allow us to cut a good figure but it also brought us an economic profit," Di Montezemolo said.

The local organising committee (COL) is expected to earn \$19 million from the finals but Di Montezemolo said figures were still being prepared.

He said organisers were happy with the security arrangements which involved 45,000 police officers around the country.

"On the eve of the World Cup, security was one of the most delicate problems," he said.

"I was reading reports in the press suggesting that certain matches, like Holland-Germany, would be World War III."

About 400 English fans were deported and 70 charged after clashes in several Italian cities and towns.

"But thanks to the excellent work of the police we didn't have the slightest incident inside the stadiums in 52 matches," Di Montezemolo said.

Di Montezemolo is widely expected to be asked by FIFA to join their committee overseeing the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States.

Italia '90 ... Italia '90 ...

Final curtain call for Beckenbauer, Bilardo

BOTH World Cup final coaches, Carlos Bilardo and Franz Beckenbauer, have stepped down after the World Cup.

Bilardo surprised his countrymen by guiding Argentina to their second World Cup triumph in Mexico four years ago but says he can no longer stand the strain of international football management.

Beckenbauer says he wants a new challenge and is going into business, although he is still being touted as the supremo for the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

Bilardo, aged 51, is a doctor by profession and as a player he gained fame with Estudiantes who won notoriety for gamesmanship when they won the world club championship in 1968.



CARLOS BILARDO

He coached in Colombia before steering Estudiantes to the league title in 1982 and then took over from Cesar Menotti who had been unable to retain the World Cup in Spain.

Bilardo introduced the five-man midfield in Mexico and used it as a launching pad for Diego Maradona.

"We had a young, fit team then," he says.

"This year we had greater experience but injuries and suspensions have taken their toll."

"The biggest problem after Mexico was that 160 of our best players went to play in Europe and we have had little time to build a real team."

"Maradona was struggling with injury and Jorge Burruchaga, a key member of the

side, only started playing four months ago.

"We came through a lot to get to the final. The suspensions of four players were too great a handicap," Bilardo said after his team had lost the final to the Germans.

Beckenbauer was West Germany's most complete player and won every honour the game could offer.

He played 103 times for his country and led them to the World Cup in 1974.

There had been other players filling a sweeper's position before Beckenbauer but this tall, elegant defender rewrote the role with his marvellous runs upfield before delivering a perfect pass.

He was 18 when he made his debut for Bayern Munich as a left winger but was soon converted to a



FRANZ BECKENBAUER

of the Cup but two years later Beckenbauer collected the European Championship in Brussels.

Beckenbauer led a players' revolt in 1974 after an historic 1-0 defeat to East Germany and they went on to beat over-confident Holland in the final.

After winning three European club championships with Bayern Munich he left to play for the New York Cosmos and declined to help Germany in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina.

As a player he appeared almost casual but always in charge of the situation. He has tried to maintain that image as

manager of his national side but got off to a bad start when club managers complained he was not qualified as he did not have a coaching certificate.

Perpetual bickering in Mexico between rival clans of players tarnished his reputation but sheer willpower hauled them to the final, which the Germans lost to Argentina.

He got rid of his dissidents after Mexico and was able to present himself in Italy as the complete manager in charge of a powerful machine.

It is an image "Kaiser Franz" preserved at Italia '90.

CAMEROOUN HONOURS

PRESIDENT Paul Biya awarded Cameroun's highest civilian honour to two stars of the national team, and decorated all the players and coaches for their strong showing at the World Cup.

Biya said the team had provided a lesson to Cameroun and all of Africa to struggle in unity in order to triumph.

Goalkeeper Thomas Nkono and striker Roger Milla, who came out of retirement at 38 to score four goals in Italy, were named Commanders of the Order of Valour in a ceremony at the presidential palace.

The other players and coaches were named as officers or knights of the Order of Valour or the sub-



ROGER MILLA

ordinate Order of Merit for helping the "Indomitable Lions" become the first African team to reach the World Cup quarter-finals.

President Biya said Cameroun and Egypt, the two African teams in the World Cup, had symbolised the efforts of Africa.

HAVELANGE DEFENDS SHOOT-OUTS

FIFA president Joao Havelange has flatly rejected claims that penalty shoot-outs reduce football matches to a lottery.

"What do you want us to do, toss a coin?" he told a press conference when asked if he did not have a better way of deciding the two World Cup semi-finals which were decided by a shoot-out.

"We have 52 matches in 30 days. You are asking the impossible of players to replay a match."

"Penalties are an accepted aspect of football. Our tournament rules were drawn up three years in advance and approved by all 166 football associations."

FRENCH BID FOR 1998

FRANCE has made a formal bid to FIFA to stage the 1998 World Cup finals, the second country to stake a claim in the past fortnight.

France's bid, presented by French Soccer Federation officials to FIFA president Joao Havelange at a reception in Rome, came after a similar request by Morocco.

Havelange said other bids were expected from Switzerland, Portugal and Brazil.

FIFA would make a decision on the venue by June 1992, he said.

Jean Fournet-Fayard, president of the French Federation, presented outline plans to stage the tournament, which would use 14 cities as match venues.

He said: "It is very important to stimulate the French government into investing in this enterprise."

"One of the problems is the creation of a new stadium in Paris to replace the Parc des Princes which has room for only 50,000 and is not big enough to host a final."

He said Italia '90 was "a model of organisation which will be a point of reference for future World Cups."

The 1994 World Cup finals are being staged in the United States.

MEMORY TEST QUIZ

WHAT can you remember about 1990 World Cup action?

Here are some questions to test your memory:

1 Who missed a penalty for Czechoslovakia in their 5-1 victory over the Americans?

2 Why did the Biyik family experience mixed feelings in Cameroun's 1-0 win over Argentina?

3 Substitute Salvatore Schillaci replaced which Italian striker before heading his country's winner against Austria?

4 Which controversial refereeing decision led to Romania's second goal against the Soviet Union?

5 Gary Lineker converted whose pass to give England an eighth minute lead against the Republic of Ireland?



GARY LINEKER

6 Which of the following Brazilians didn't play in their 2-1 win over Sweden — Multer, Romario or Taffarel?

7 Hwang Bo-Kwan cracked South Korea's first goal of the tournament against which country?

8 Carlos Valderrama scored his first goal of the tournament for who in a 2-0 win over UAE?

9 Who pulled down Hossam Hassan for Egypt's penalty in their 1-1 draw with Holland?

10 How was Diego Maradona involved in another 'Hand of God' incident in Argentina's 2-0 win over the Soviet Union?

11 Ruben Sosa missed a penalty for Uruguay against which country?

12 Giuseppe Giannini gave Italy victory over which nation with a 10th minute goal?

13 Who did the Soviets surprisingly drop for their second match of the tournament against Argentina?

14 Did Rudi Voller, Lothar Matthaus or Jurgen Klinsmann open the scoring for West Germany in their 5-1 win over UAE?

15 Which goalkeeper saved a penalty from Yugoslavia's Faruk Hadzibegic?

16 Who scored the first hat-trick of the tournament?

17 Which England substitute replaced Bryan Robson in their goalless draw with Holland?

18 Can you name the Belgian who scored with a 35-metre lob in a Group E match?

19 Mo Johnston and which midfielder scored the goals that gave Scotland a 2-1 win over Sweden?

20 Juan Cayasso's strike earned who their first points in the tournament?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 23 ►

Italia '90 ...

England's final matches vindicated Bobby Robson



BOBBY ROBSON

GOOD performances against West Germany and Italy vindicated England's much-criticised style of soccer, according to departing coach Bobby Robson.

"We're isolated, all we've got is domestic competition since our clubs' ban from Europe," Robson said after England's narrow defeat in the play-off for third place against Italy in Bari.

"But the marvellous thing for the players is that despite that lack of experience and education our game

has not gone that far backwards, if at all."

England's style, particularly in their stilted performances early in the World Cup, had been thoroughly vilified from all quarters as outmoded.

Robson hit back at the critics, but with good humour.

"The standard of the English team against the best in the world, not just in Europe, stood up well," he said.

"We've been called medieval, old-fashioned, dinosaurs. I hope those people have now kicked the bucket."

"Our players can be versatile. They have proved in a competition like this they can vary their play against totally different styles."

Robson did not claim England played well throughout their World Cup campaign but he was thrilled with their performance against West Germany and Italy.

"I'm very disappointed about losing but we felt we played a very good part in a high class World Cup," he said.

"We really graced a World Cup semi-final, that's what I'm pleased about. I don't consider we lost — ill-luck cost us the match."

Robson's eight-year term as England manager ended after the World Cup and next season he takes charge of Dutch club PSV Eindhoven.

"I'm proud of the team because we came to Italy and nobody beat us," he said.

"It's not much of a consolation but the players gave their best. I couldn't be more proud of them. We've been a very sporting team throughout and deserved FIFA's Fair Play award.



ION SABAU — the Romanian impressed sufficiently at Italia '90 to have been offered a fat contract by Feyenoord of Holland.

Younger referees will be chosen

THAT Edgardo Codesal of Mexico, who at 39 was the referee of the World Cup final is an indication of FIFA's desire to rejuvenate officiating at the tournament, officials said last week.

"It surely will not be the last time we take somebody so young," said Michel Zen Ruffinen, the secretary of FIFA's referees' committee.

He said there were plans to set an age limit of 45 on referees for the next World Cup, in the United States in 1994.

It was the third consecutive time that a Latin American has been named by FIFA's referees' committee to be the head official at the World Cup final.

Brazilians were honoured in the 1982 and 1986 finals.

"We have to take the best referee," said Zen Ruffinen. "But in the future we will rely more on younger referees."

He refused to elaborate on the selection procedures for this World Cup.

But he said other changes in World Cup officiating would be discussed in the coming months, including the use of experienced linesmen at the World Cup.

Only referees are now used as linesmen and they can make obvious errors in a discipline they rarely practice in between tournaments.

At least three clear goals were disallowed because of faulty off-side decisions taken by referees as linesmen at the 1990 World Cup.

Codesal was the referee for the quarter-final between England and Cameroun, a 3-2 victory for England.

In the first round, Codesal also officiated the game between Italy and the United States at Rome's Olympic Stadium.

Codesal, a gynecologist from Mexico City, has officiated at inter-

Italia '90 ...

WORLD CUP STATISTICS

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- Goals scored: 115 — average: 2.21 per match. — 1986 average: 2.54 — record average: 5.30 (1954)
- Leading individual scorer: Salvatore Schillaci (Italy) 6.
- Most individual goals in one match: 3
- ★ Michel (Spain)
- ★ Skuhrov (Czechoslovakia)
- Highest scoring team: West Germany 15
- Highest team score in one match: ★ Czechoslovakia 5 United States 1
- ★ West Germany 5 United Arab Emirates 1
- Best goalkeeping record: Walter Zenga (Italy) 518 minutes without conceding a goal • 2 goals in 7 matches.
- Worst goalkeeping record: Faraj (UAE) 11 goals in three matches.
- Fastest goal: Safer Susic (Yugoslavia), fourth minute against United Arab Emirates.
- Lowest score: Uruguay 0 Spain 0, England 0 Holland 0, Egypt 0 Ireland 0, Ireland 0 Romania 0, Argentina 0 Yugoslavia 0.
- Total of draws in normal time: 11
- Total of draws after extra-time: 4
- Total of fouls: 1832 — average per match: 35.23.
- Most fouls in one match: Argentina (30) v Italy (29) — Total: 59.
- Least fouls in one match: Costa Rica vs Scotland: 17.
- Most fouls per team in one match: Cameroun: 36 (against Colombia).
- Most fouls per team in the whole competition: Argentina: 177 fouls — average per match 25.29
- Least fouls per team in the whole competition: England: 106 fouls — average per match 15.14.
- Least fouls per team: 7 — Costa Rica (against Scotland), Uruguay (against Belgium), England (against Cameroun).
- Most fouled player: Diego Maradona 53 fouls.
- Most fouls committed by a player: 23 — McCarthy (Ireland).
- Total of yellow cards: 169
- Total of red cards: 16
- Team with most yellow cards: Argentina 22

Vicini in charge

AZEGLIO Vicini will coach Italy's national team through the 1992 European Championships in Sweden, according to Antonio Matarrese.



Azeglio Vicini

The announcement by the president of the Italian Federation was intended to end speculation that Vicini may be sacked following Italy's failure to win the World Cup.

In an interview with Milan's sports daily "Gazzetta dello Sport," Matarrese also warned Argentine star Diego Maradona against fueling verbal controversies.

The talkative Argentine forward, who stars for Napoli, was critical of FIFA and of the referees during the World Cup.

Matarrese said that Maradona must stop his verbal attacks against soccer authorities.

Down-to-earth "consolation"

Italy's World Cup players got a down-to-earth consolation prize for not reaching the final — bits of the pitch where it was played.

The Italian squad was given the first 22 pieces of turf when it was dug up for sale to souvenir hunters after the final between West Germany and Argentina.

Team officials were given other pieces of the turf before it was



An ecstatic Abdel Ghani after scoring the penalty that forced a draw with Holland in Palermo. Egypt were one of the revelations of Italia '90, Holland one of the big failures.

FIFA considers change in knock-out system

FIFA will think again about using the knock-out system at the World Cup finals, according to secretary-general Sepp Blatter.



Egyptian striker Orabi gets away from Ireland's Houghton when the teams drew 0-0 at Palermo.

WORLD CUP SCOREBOARD

1990 WORLD CUP COLLATED 1ST ROUND GROUP A

Italy 1 Austria 0 (June 9, Rome). Schillaci ht 0-0. Czechoslovakia 1 USSR 1 (June 10, Florence). Skuhrovny 2 Caliguri, Bilek pen. Hasek, Luhovy, ht 2-0. Italy 1 USA 0 (June 14, Rome). Giannini, ht 1-0. Czechoslovakia 1 Austria 0 (June 15, Florence). Bilek pen. ht 1-0.

Austria 2 Czechoslovakia 0 (June 19, Rome). Schillaci, Baggio, ht 1-0. Austria 2 USA 1 (June 19, Florence). Ognis, Rodax Murray, ht 0-0.

FINAL GROUP A TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	pts
Italy	3	3	0	0	4	0	9
Czech	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Austria	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
USA	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

GROUP B

Cameroon 1 Argentina 0 (June 8, Milan). Omam Biyik, ht 0-0. Romania 2 USSR 0 (June 9, Bari). Lacatus 2 (pen), ht 1-0. Argentina 2 USSR 0 (June 13, Naples). Trolio, Burruchaga, ht 1-0.

Cameroun 2 Romania 1 (June 14, Bari). Milla 2 Balint, ht 0-0. Argentina 1 Romania 1 (June 16, Naples). Monzon, Balint, ht 0-0.

USSR 4 Cameroun 0 (June 18, Bari). Prolosov, Zigmantovich, Zavarov, Dobrovolski, ht 2-0.

FINAL GROUP B TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	pts
Cameroon	3	2	0	1	3	5	4
Romania	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Argentina	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
USSR	3	1	0	2	4	4	0

GROUP C

Brazil 2 Sweden 1 (June 10, Turin). Careca 2 Brøn, ht 1-0. Costa Rica 1 Scotland 0 (June 11, Genoa). Cayasso, ht 0-0. Brazil 1 Costa Rica 0 (June 16, Turin). Muller, ht 1-0.

Scotland 2 Sweden 1 (June 20, Genoa). McCall, Stromberg, Johnstone pen, ht 1-0.

Brazil 1 Scotland 0 (June 20, Turin). Muller, ht 0-0.

Costa Rica 2 Sweden 1 (June 20, Genoa). Flores, Ekstrom, Medford, ht 0-1.

FINAL GROUP C TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	pts
Brazil	3	3	0	0	4	1	6
Costa Rica	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Scotland	3	1	0	2	3	2	3
Sweden	3	0	0	3	3	6	0

GROUP D

Colombia 2 United Arab Emirates 0 (June 9, Bologna). Redin, Valderrama, ht 0-0.

West Germany 4 Yugoslavia 1 (June 10, Milan). Matthaeus 2, Kinsmann, Voller, ht 2-0.

Yugoslavia 1 Colombia 0 (June 14, Bologna). Jozic, ht 0-0.

West Germany 5 United Arab Emirates 1 (June 15, Milan). Voller 2, Kinsmann, Khalid Ismail, Matthaeus, Bein, ht 2-0.

West Germany 1 Colombia 1 (June 19, Milan). Litbarski, Rincon, ht 0-0.

Yugoslavia 4 United Arab Emirates 1 (June 19, Bologna). Susic, Pancev 2 Ali Thani, Prostekci, ht 2-1.

FINAL GROUP D TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	pts
West Germany	3	2	1	0	10	3	5
Yugoslavia	3	2	0	1	6	5	4
Colombia	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
UAE	3	0	0	3	2	0	0

He said that the finals had seen a return to what he called the 'old European safety-first football.'

"That isn't the purpose of the knockout system," Blatter said.

Asked if the system should be changed, he said: "FIFA will certainly have to think about it again. If anyone has a better solution, I'll be grateful."

Blatter said the 24-team, 31-day tournament was too long and that he would prefer admitting only 16 teams.

Blatter also called for specially trained linesmen and more physically fit referees.

He also blamed FIFA's referee commission, made up largely of former referees, for failing to criticise match officials.

But he added: "The flood of red and yellow cards led to the players being less aggressive. That's very pleasing."

In Rome, another FIFA official said that the referees' clampdown on rough play had produced the cleanest finals despite, or because of, a record number of yellow and red cards.

FIFA's spokesman Guido Tognoni, said the refereeing at the tournament had been excellent from the second round onwards.

"The game has been cleaned up," he said. "The behaviour of the players and coaches has never been better than here."

But he added that the World Cup had not lived up to FIFA expectations as a spectacle because of a dearth of goals and the lack of excitement at many matches in the knockout part of the tournament.

"We can't say we're happy or we're unhappy," he said. "But we are surprised that the cup system from the second round didn't bring us a lot more goals."

"In Mexico, four years ago, this part of the tournament was spectacular and this was what everyone was expecting here, too."

Referees at the 52 games of the finals handed out a record 169 cautions and sent off 16 players, also a record, as they sought to apply FIFA's tough new guidelines on violent play.

"The number of yellow and red cards is misleading," Tognoni said.

"It does not indicate this tournament was unfair, quite the opposite.

You must remember that the level to get a yellow card was much lower than ever before.

"The quality of play was good but there were not many goals," Tognoni said.

"Defensive systems are getting stronger. Teams are working like computers in defense. Mistakes produce goals and we have seen teams making very few mistakes."

"The gap between the teams is also getting closer and closer. The lesser teams have caught up and it's much harder for teams to run up big scores."

"Physically, all teams are now at the same level. I didn't see a single team finish exhausted at these finals, even when they had someone sent off and played with just 10 men."

"But tactically, there was nothing new at these finals."

"We didn't have as many memorable matches as in 1970 or even as in 1986, and we didn't have the goals and goals create tournaments."

SCORERS

All goalscorers in the 1990 World Cup finals:

6 — Schillaci (Italy)

5 — Skuhrovny (Czechoslovakia)

4 — Michel (Spain), Milla (Cameroun), Methaus (West Germany), Linkeker (England).

3 — Voeller (West Germany), Klinemann (West Germany), Platt (England), Brehme (West Germany).

2 — Lacatus (Romania), Careca (Brazil), Jozic (Yugoslavia), Bilek (Czechoslovakia), Balint (Romania), Pancay (Yugoslavia), Muller (Brazil), Redin (Colombia), Stojkovic (Yugoslavia), Caniggia (Italy).

1 — Omam Biyik (Cameroun), Valderrama (Colombia), Hasek (Czechoslovakia), Luhovy (Czechoslovakia), Caligiuri (Sweden), Brodin (USA), Brolin (Sweden), Cayasso (Costa Rica) Sheedy (Ireland), Degryse (Belgium), De Wolf (Belgium), Kieft (Netherlands), Abdel-Ghani (Egypt), Trolio (Argentina), Burruchaga (Argentina), Giannini (Italy), Bein (West Germany), Iemai (United Arab Emirates), McCall (Scotland), Johnston (Scotland), Stromberg (Sweden), Hwangbo Kwan (South Korea), Clusters (Belgium), Scifo (Belgium), Caulemans (Belgium), Bengoechea (Uruguay), Protasov (Soviet Union), Zigmantovich (Soviet Union), Zavarov (Soviet Union), Dobrovolsky (Soviet Union), Monzon (Argentina), Litbarski (West Germany), Rincon (Colombia), Stusic (Yugoslavia), Prolecinck (Yugoslavia), Juma (United Arab Emirates), Rodax (Austria), Ognis (Austria), Murray (US), Flores (Costa Rica), Medford (Costa Rica), Ekstrom (Sweden), Gorritz (Spain), Vervoort (Belgium), Fonseca (Uruguay), Quinn (Ireland), Wright (England), Kublik (Czechoslovakia), Gonzalez (Costa Rica), Koeman (Netherlands), Serena (Italy), Julio Salinas (Spain), Kunde (Cameroun), Eugene Ekeke (Cameroun).

Bryan Robson plans England comeback

BRYAN Robson is denying reports that his international career is over.



BRYAN ROBSON

Former supremo blasts Argentina

FORMER Argentine coach Cesar Menotti has castigated World Cup finalists Argentina for failing in defense and turning their back on flair in attack.

Menotti, whose national sides had a reputation for exciting, attacking football, has accused Bilardo of betraying the traditional South American game through an obsession with tactics, set pieces and man-to-man marking.

Citing Argentina's semi-final win over Italy, Menotti said Bilardo's side only troubled European opposition with creativity and skill.

Argentina dominated in the second half of that match, equalising for a 1-1 draw and winning the match on penalties.

"It was the match in which Argentina were attacked least, in which goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea faced the least danger," Menotti said.

Argentina scraped through their qualifying group and were lucky to beat Brazil and Yugoslavia to reach the semi-finals.

But Menotti said the World Cup showed that Diego Maradona was still the world's best player and Argentina's rivals were scared of him.

Menotti also described the refereeing in the final as 'diabolical'.



CESAR MENOTTI

"I can't understand a team that is trained to defend and has four or five goal chances a match created against it," said Menotti, an outspoken critic of manager Carlos Bilardo's style of play.

England boss Bobby Robson was understandably devastated by the blow. "He is as important to us as Maradona to Argentina and Maradona to Argentina and Argentina's rivals were scared of him.

"This team failed in defence," Menotti, coach of Argentina's first World Cup-winning team in 1978, said this week.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Michal Bilek. 2. Omam scored their winner but his brother Andre was sent-off. 3. Andrea Carnevale. 4. He gave a penalty but the handball offence was clearly outside the penalty area. 5. Chris Waddle. 6. Romario. 7. Spain. 8. Colombia. 9. Ronald Koeman. 10. A Russian corner struck his arm in the box but no penalty was given. 11. Spain. 12. United States. 13. Rinal Dassayev. 14. Voller. 15. Rene Higuita. 16. Michel. 17. David Platt. 18. Marc Degryse. 19. Stuart McCall. 20. Costa Rica.

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NSW State League action as David Ensor of Sutherland (No 5) comes off second best in this encounter with North Shore United's Lee Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday.
Inset: Sutherland's Scott Leney. — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.



Victorian State League action — Heidelberg star Stuart Stevenson does not allow himself to be dragged back by his Bulleen opponent — Pic: JOE MONTEMURRO.

STATE League clubs across the country are hot on the scent of National Soccer League positions for 1990/91.

Their appetites are being whetted now, as the expected acceptance of the Bradley Report commendations will lead to a rationalisation of major clubs across Australian cities for the following season.

As it stands, one promoted club comes from the NSW State League, which covers NSW, Northern NSW and ACT, and the other from a play-off between the winners of Victoria, South Australia and Queensland.

Canberra Croatia

(14 points), Sutherland Shire and Wollongong Macedonia (13 each) remain unbeaten in a log jam at the top of the NSW State League competition.

The Canberra outfit has a one-point margin over its nearest rivals, having inflicted an 8-1 defeat on an under-strength Marconi on Sunday.

St George has 12 points in a remarkable showing, with the 1989 Second Division champions Sydney Macedonia tied with them.

Big games next Sunday include Sydney Macedonia-Warringah at Jensen Oval and Wollongong Macedonia-Sutherland Shire at Brandon Park.

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STATE LEAGUES TIGHT

BY KEITH GILMOUR

In Melbourne, the pressure is really on, with Sunday week's Heidelberg-Croydon City regarded as a real decider.

The Bergers' leading VSL scorer, Paul Lewis, appears certain to be suspended for the big match.

At present Croydon has 39 points to Heidelberg's 37, with the capable Brunswick

Juventus on 35, with all three giants having played 26 games.

In Brisbane, the Lions have been roaring in the XXXX League, and have amassed 36 points from 15 matches on a three points for a win scale.

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